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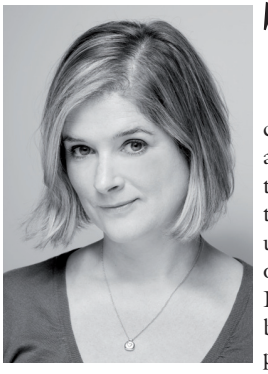
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Travel is such a fraught issue these days. To fly or not to fly, that is the question. I'm generally with the no fly camp, call it my inner puritan. (That, and the fact that I just hate getting on those darn things). But whilst I aim to be as eco-friendly as possible I'm uncomfortable with many elements of the flying debate. For instance, Emma Thompson et al, are currently being pilloried in certain areas of the press for their 'hyprocrisy' in fighting the third runway at Heathrow. Apparently, because ET jets to LA regularly she is allowed no say on this matter. I can see their point, and yet, is she not allowed an opinion?

This whole issue is riven with hyprocrisies, both political and personal, from the top down. As George Monbiot quite memorably said (and I paraphrase): "The middle classes are quite happy to go green, as long as they can still go skiing." Quite, we are jetting off to the Austrian pistes next week. So are we hypocrites? Yes. But we are not alone. My favourite story is about some friends who sold up their south London home a few years ago and went in search of the good life in Southern France. Their inner hippies burn brightly and they have embraced a life of living off the land and reducing their carbon footprint. And how do they finance their little number? They commute on a week on week off basis by Easyjet back to jobs in London. You couldn't make it up. We donned our hairshirts last summer and went camping for a week in Devon. The wind blew, the sun struggled to muscle its way through the grey clouds and this year we have sworn we'll do anything, *anything* to have some sun this summer. It just ain't easy being green.

But if you are making travel plans, this issue is packed with inspiration. If it's city life you want, Isabel Dexter has an **insider's guide to Paris** on page 30 but if it's a room with a view you are after, Lydia Williams has a guide to the **best spas in stunning locations** on page 36. If you want something different, that fits the 'journey of a lifetime' bill, I found some **amazing adventures** on page 33. We also have the **latest travel news** on page 25 and inspiring products for **kids on the go** on page 29.

Oh, and we have an interview with one of my very, very favourite actress, the peerless **Harriet Walter**, currently starring in Julian Fellowes' The Young Victoria.
I hope you enjoy this issue,



Amanda Constance
Editor



BOX CLEVER

You like the Albert Hall? You like Boujis? Why not put the two together and enjoy Boujis' in a Box. Young funsters can enjoy the full boutique Boujs experience at the Teenage Cancer Trust concerts in a private box at the Albert Hall this month. A 12-person Bouji Box will give you exclusive access to a uniquely decorated box and a Bouji waiter on hand to create the club's signature cocktail on request. A Merc will then whisk you away after the show to the VIP entrance of the actual club where Champagne will be served at your table. And all this revelry has a good cause; a substantial donation will go direct to TCT, a charity that aims to ensure that every young person with cancer and their family receive the best possible care and support.

Teenage Cancer Trust Concerts, 24 – 29 March. For more info visit royalalberthall.com or teenagecancertrust.org

roundup



SNOW JOKE

In the depth of the big freeze last month, one enterprising estate agent took advantage of new properties coming on to the market. Strutt & Parker put a board up outside an igloo in Hyde Park and were soon surrounded by the world's press. Rupert Lowndes of Strutt & Parker's Chelsea office – tongue firmly in cheek – said: "Whilst this prestigious property offers generous accommodation on one floor, comes complete with air cooling and direct access to a 500 acre garden, it is only available for a few nights." At 15sqft, a property in such a fabulous location would normally command in excess of £350,000 but Lowndes said "we are in fact only selling it for a night or two and the money will go to charity". Cold hands warm heart…



Jodie Kidd with Team London

SHOWTIME

If you didn't get that invite to the Oscars and feel you missed out, you can still enjoy some of Hollywood's annual back-slapping razzmatazz by visiting photographer Richard Young's exhibition, Best Oscar Party Moments, at his gallery on Holland Street. Described by Lord Snowdon as "one of the most important photographers of the 20th century", Young has been photographing the stars since the early 70s. His latest offering spans seven years of Oscar glamour – from 2000 to 2007 – and includes many pictures of famous faces in less guarded moments.

Until 12 March, Richard Young Gallery 4 Holland Street, W8 4LT, 020 7937 8911, richardyoungonline.com

PUKKA UP

Football may not be coming home, but polo is. Last month it was announced that after a seven decade hiatus, the game of polo will be returning to Hurlingham Park in Fulham, widely considered to be the home of English polo. But the game to be played this summer at Hurlingham will be vastly changed from the traditional polo. A new breakaway World Polo Association plans to play and televise a new spectator-friendly format of the game that takes its cue from cricket's Twenty20 series in a bid to widen polo's appeal and shed its elitist image.

A three-day, £1m international tournament, the World Polo Series will start on 5 June at the Fulham ground. Changes will include a smaller pitch, a new scoring system, red and yellow cards for foul play, sin bins and players will wear cameras on their helmets and heart monitors. Well-known faces on the pitch for Team London will include Jodie Kidd and her brother Jack plus former England polo captain Henry Brett.





HOT DESKING

Lord Lucan's desk from his Belgravia home is going on sale at Bonhams this month. The Victorian rosewood and tulipwood desk, made in the Louis XV style by Edward Holmes Baldock is estimated to sell for £5,000 to £7,000. It was used regularly by Richard John Bingham, 7th Earl of Lucan in his study at 46 Lower Belgrave Street before his notorious disappearance in 1974. Despite being modesly priced, the sale of the desk is likely to excite interest due to the ongoing fascination with 'Lucky Lucan'.

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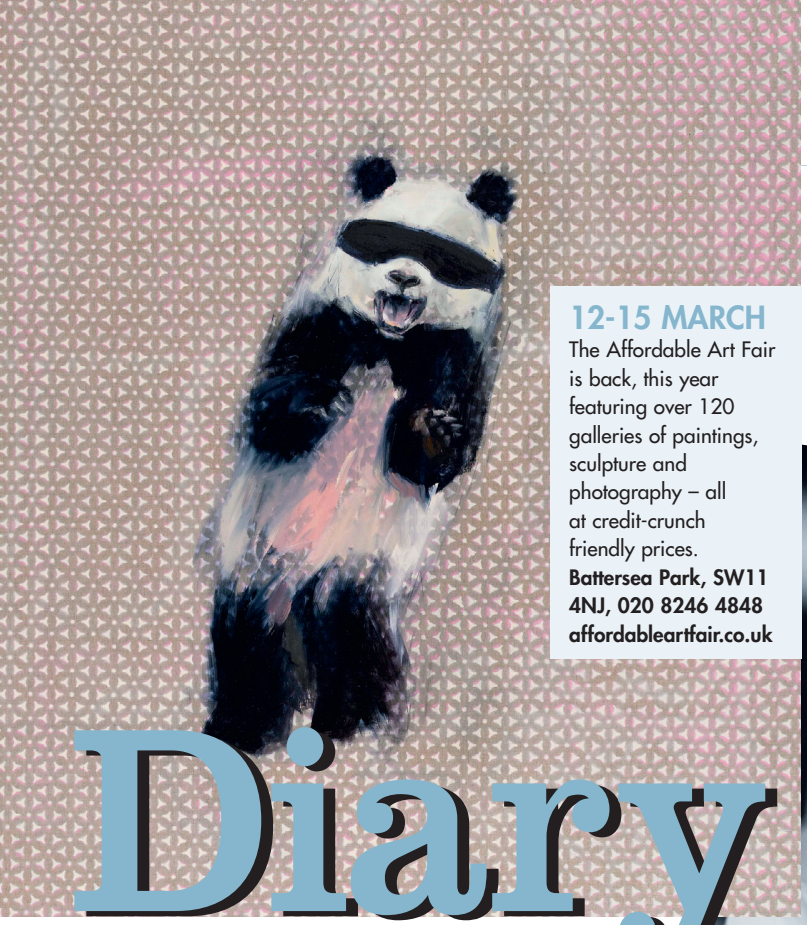
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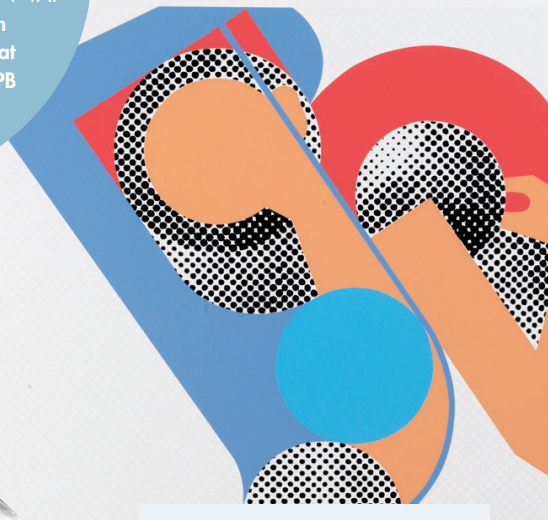
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...on the secrets of a Southern belle

"So darlin' honeychile, will you cover for me? Puhleaze?" I paled under my dusting of Guerlain Terracotta at the other end of the phone. Normally I find it the essence of bad manners when your nearest and dearest inquire, "Can I ask you a favour?" to grunt suspiciously, "What?" rather than acceding with a gracious "Of course". But the Billionaire's Redhead, although endearing, is not one of my nearest and dearest and the thought of what she might need covering up was enough to make the bravest quail.

She is the Billionaire's third or fourth wife after a Bulgarian princess, an almost-supermodel and an upper crust blonde from the Upper East Side. Not one marriage made it past a year amid lurid claims of 'unreasonable and unnatural behaviour', which undoubtedly sold some National Enquirers at a few supermarkets in the States. And then in Arkansas or West Virginia, he met The Redhead.

Her Southern accent is so strong it makes Scarlett O'Hara sound like the head girl of Roedean

"I was takin' off mah clothes in a bikers' bar," the Redhead recalls. "To this day I don't know whether he came in for me or the bikers." (Her Southern accent is so strong it makes Scarlet O'Hara sound like the head girl of Roedean.) On that note of cheery openness, a surprisingly happy marriage was founded. Princess Diana may have felt three in her marriage made it a crowd. In the Billionaire's marriage, three is a lonely few waiting for the rest of the party to show up.

At first when the couple moved here, the excitement was intense. "So can you believe it? He's dating her lover's twin brother! Now she's dating his lover and his ex-lover! Or is it that he's dating her lover's wife? No, that was last month…" But after a while, the sheer level of melodrama palled and only the arrival of a baby elephant or George Clooney in the complicated coils of their ménages *a sept or huit* could inspire the least flicker of interest now. Over time, the affection in their marriage, behind all the sexual complications, has become clear, and she hasn't compensated for her late arrival on the social scene by a sudden case of Galloping Hauteur, making that, lightening-fast journey from being excited by eating Kentucky Fried in Abilene to being bored by Bermuda and peevish in Patmos. Instead The Redhead enjoys everything with wholehearted joie de vivre and the odd scantily clad dance on the bar at Home House or Annabel's, just for old times' sake.

So what she, the essence of openness in a remarkably open marriage, might need cover for didn't bear thinking about. "Tell me" I said trying to keep the panic out of my voice "just what it is you need covering up?" "I'll have to call you later, honey, Bill's just walked in." If it were anyone else, I might hope it was just keeping a couple of pairs of Prada boots for her until her husband stopped patrolling her shoe closet. But even in the credit crunch, Bill could still buy her the whole of Sloane Street and not notice. My imagination boggled at the task of trying to think what sexual shenanigan could be outrageous enough for her to want to cover it up. It was a huge relief when she called back to say she needed me to do the nursery pick up in her place.

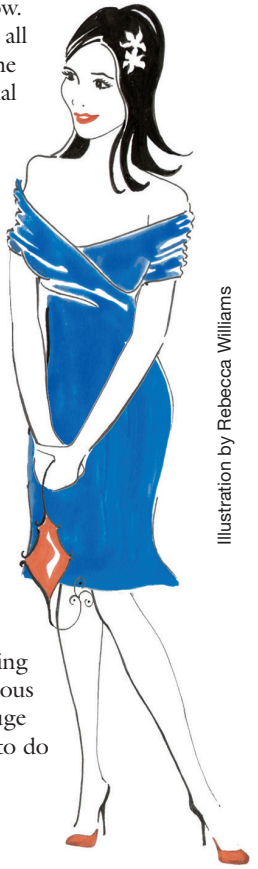
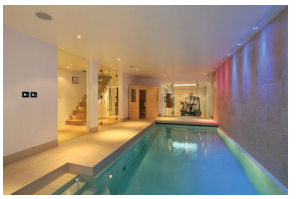


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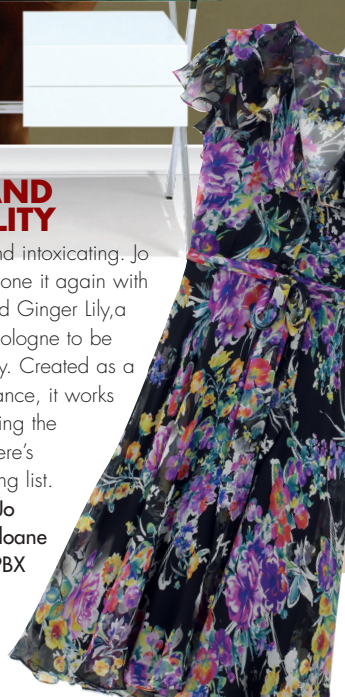
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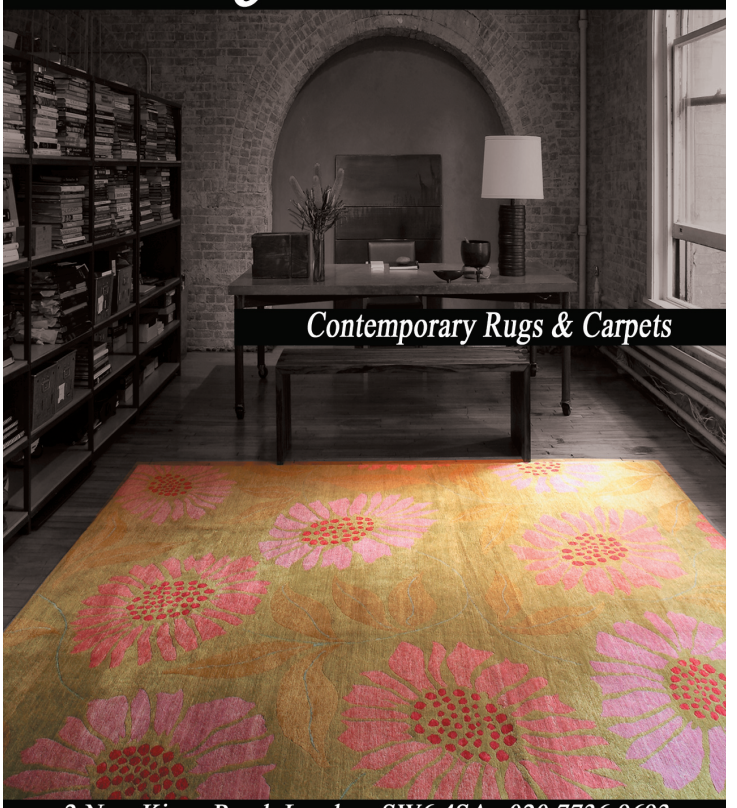
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Lady Sybilla Hart's GUIDE TO Etiquette



When you are at someone else's residence, in the country, or in London for that matter, try and pay attention to what you are saying. Faux pas usually turn on the fact that guests have an insatiable appetite for the obvious. Comments like, "Gosh, that road is awfully noisy" or "Is that the train going past again?" should therefore be avoided at all costs. I remember on one occasion attending a dinner party in Wiltshire where there was a train line at the bottom of the garden. The owner kept saying, "The train only tootles past a couple of times a day" when the truth of the matter was that the First Great Western 125 caused the foundations of the house to shudder every three minutes. One rather mischievous guest kept gesticulating towards the train every time it hurtled past which was probably a bit uncharitable.

In the same way "You are rather near the flight path" is code for "it's terribly noisy here". The obvious insinuation is that the owners' only reason for accepting such a blighted property was because they could acquire it on the cheap.

Don't comment on the size of the darling dogs. The unwritten rule of the countryside still prevails: dogs come before people. Usually the dogs are overfed but it may just be possible that they suffer from a genetic medical condition. Lots of Labradors have locked elbows for example. That can explain why they sometimes look more seal than canine.

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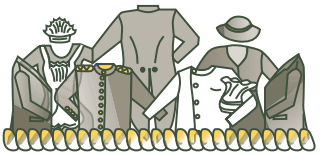
Refrain from asking questions such as "Is this the main house?" The implication is that there might be another, even grander house, nearby. If there is no grander house close to hand what is the owner meant to say? "Yes, sorry to disappoint but this is, in fact, The Main House."

Pre-credit crunch, the obsession with property prices gave free reign to remarks like, "What do you think this house is worth?" If such a thought were to pop into your head, don't ask! If you are not valuing the house, chances are you are there as a guest.

Refrain from asking prying questions such as, "How many pheasants do you put down?" It is a bit like inquiring about the quality of the wine. Equally, "Didn't your father sell some land?" is simply a loosely veiled, "Did your father run out of money and have to resort to selling off some ancient family land?" You might as well ask to see his bank statement!

People who hail from the West Country tend to accuse East Anglia of being flat. "It's very flat round here isn't it?" is an indirect way of saying that the countryside is boring. And finally, "this house is freezing" infers that the owner is too mean to put the heating on. If this is the case, the retort will inevitably be to put another layer on.

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Drama queen

Harriet Walter's acting ability and perfect poise have made her an undisputed star of our stage and screen. Rose Bateman meets a class act

Chris Saunders

Harriet Walter glides into Brown's Hotel. She's far too understated to be starry, but her elegant carriage, all neatly wrapped up in a smart red crossover jacket ("I feel like I'm sellotaped in", she quips) nonetheless draws the gaze of the unwinding Friday night crowd. It is precisely this striking poise which explains her recurring appearances in some of Britain's most elegantly written period dramas – her theatre and film credits read like an inventory of the English literary canon; she has been Lady Macbeth and Fanny Ferrers Dashwood in *Sense and Sensibility* through to Emily Tallis in *Atonement* – and today we're here to talk about her latest role as Queen Adelaide in Julian Fellowes' triumphant *The Young Victoria*.

➨➨➨ As the wife of the ebullient if sybaritic William IV, Victoria's predecessor played by Jim Broadbent, Adelaide is something of a benevolent godmother to the blossoming monarch. That her character is a force of serene wisdom is eminently reconcilable with the gentle woman before me, who is making her way intently through a pile of pistachio nuts. However, it is unusual, says Walter, that she should be offered a part with which she identifies so strongly. "It's rare, because of course conflict makes for more interesting drama than amicable friendship. You tend to get these hard positions when you play older roles. I've never been typecast, but as you get older it changes, partly because your looks crystalise a bit, and suddenly you're seen as a type that you're not at all like. I keep playing authority figures, and bitches. Everyone says: 'What fun,' and I always say 'Yeah, but… it's miles away from me,' and I have to leap up to something. What I think is powerful in cinema is when you can be brutally yourself."

For Walter, identifying that self has been revelatory and cathartic. As a timid and self-confessedly diffident student at Lamda, she sought solace in transformation. But then, as she points out, not all actors are possessed of innate, look-at-me confidence. "I think somehow we seek – not being too therapeutic about it – to kind of repair that damage by being on stage or on camera. It's almost as though in real life you don't quite know where you are but when you act something out you become more you than you ever are," she says, suddenly giggling as she recalls the moment she was shocked into realising that she is no longer so retiring as she once was. "If you don't readjust your self-image you can get quite shocked. I remember, in my late thirties, referring to the fact that I'm quite backward in coming forward to a friend, and she said, 'You? You never shut up!' So I thought: 'Oh, sorry, perhaps I'm out of that phase…"

Nonetheless, she remains utterly and self-effacingly charming, if, at 58, now a more loquacious version of her younger self. Asked how she became involved in the film, her reflex is to confess that Julian Fellowes is her neighbour in Dorset, before correcting herself. "Well, I think I got the part on merit anyway. Actually writers don't have much sway on the casting, but I think that he did have me floating in his mind for one of the parts. There's this wonderful line where Victoria and Adelaide are comparing duties within their royal marriages, and she says: 'You don't know what I did.' I loved that, because that speaks for all the parts I've ever played. You think: 'I've got this great secret because I think I have this inner life, but I can't get it out there because nobody's asked me!'" she laughs, that self-deprecating humour elbowing its way through again.

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It seems that Fellowes is as enamoured of her work as she of his; she also features in *From Time To Time*, another Fellowes screenplay now in post-production, although this time, he directed as well as penned the script ("a much sober affair – not nearly as much larking about!"). About the rest of the stellar cast, she is equally effusive.

"I've worked with Emily (Blunt) before, she played my daughter in her first job, and I adore her, she can do no wrong. She's a great actress, but also a fantastic, rounded person, the life and soul of the party. We think of Victoria as this stodgy thing but forget that Victorian is such a huge adjective – it covers many decades where fashions and thoughts change. There was something about the gigglyness of Emily – that's part of her real make-up, she's very warm and mischievous, but absolutely sober when the job has to be done. And it bleeds into everybody. I've had it in the reverse. When you look across a crowded set, if there's a weak link, it undermines your belief in the whole situation. So her being so completely believable as a young leader, and being a leader in the microcosm of the set, somehow added a whole new dimension." As for the red-faced bellowing of Jim Broadbent, well, "it's not about acting – just reacting."

As revelatory as the film's upturning of our collective perception of Victoria – Widow of Windsor, is that the film was originally conceived by Sarah Ferguson. "So I gather," nods Walter. "I met her on set and her daughter Beatrice had a small non-speaking part. It takes quite something to get that sort of thing to fruition, and you know, on our call sheet every day every day, you'd see that it'd been cc'd to producer Martin Scorsese and the Duchess of York. What an extraordinary combo!"

Surrounded by royalty – both genuine and impersonated – it seems that stately majesty became an all-pervading theme. "You're treated rather like royalty when you're on a film. I speak by comparison to rocking up at the stage door, doing my own make-up and getting myself there on the tube, which I love, too. Because your frocks are so gorgeous, you really are a bit helpless and you really do become a bit like a Victorian lady. One shouldn't do it for too long, but as a treat, it certainly does help. I remember one day I got frocked up, had no lines, no responsibility, stood on the edge of the ballroom and watched what looks like real life. I thought, what a privilege, I'm almost stepping into history."

It's all a far cry from her youth, from which her abiding memories are of running freely around Kensington, where she lived until she was 20, hopping on and off buses and helping Scotty, her local milkman with his round. "He used to let me run up and deliver to the tall buildings. I'd say 'let me', but I was doing him a favour! The Peter Pan monument, the dolls house section of Kensington Palace and the Serpentine were all the geographical landmarks of my childhood." It was also during this time that she would first become gripped by the power of performance. "I was taken to the ballet more than the theatre, so all the red plush in my life was Covent Garden. I remember being 11 when I first saw Nureyev – it was a recognition of somebody using their entire body as an expressive instrument







Harriet Walter as Adelaide with Jim Broadbent as William IV in *The Young Victoria* and bottom left, further scenes from the film

in response to a story and music. And I'm very musical – it's often the music in Shakespeare's language that gets me into it, so there was something about his entire body as an expression of the music and the drama that I was enthralled by. It wasn't about whether he did perfect plies. I was interested in his energy and spirit and musicality, and of course, the story of his life is so absolutely romantic. I still can't be rational about him."

As she got older, she would escape to the "now lurid" Odeon, and like all the swinging young lovelies, hung out at Biba, and even used to perform with Lamda at the bombed ruin that was Holland House.

Walter seems singularly in touch with her childhood and its freedoms. I wonder whether she has children of her own? 'No. I love my nieces and nephews but I never had the confidence to be the all-juggling mother. I'm just too childish. I never married either, but I did have a wonderful man in my life who died a couple of years ago, so I call myself a widow even though I wasn't officially married."

While she says that she's cognisant of having missed out on something, she also knows that her lack of strings has enabled her absorbing life. Next week, for example, she will go into her local school as a veteran member of the RSC for the Stand Up To Shakespeare initiative ("Academics have puzzled over it for centuries, but you get up and do it, and you think: 'But I know what this means! I know what this scene is about' – you're connected directly to Shakespeare's mind."). Fear of Shakespeare, along with the issue of roles for women in theatre and film, worry her greatly; she argues eloquently that the projected trajectory for young actresses is not encouraging – "Hollywood gives lots of parts to men and one part to one gorgeous girl. I am lucky that mine was the last generation where one became a star acting Shakespeare on the stage. Who will be playing Cleopatra in 20 years time?" Though she adds: "It would be churlish of me to complain – I do get lots of roles." Indeed. In a couple of weeks she jets across the Atlantic to play Elizabeth I on Broadway under the direction of the insanely popular *Mamma Mia's* Philida Lloyd. Then of course there is the other Julian Fellowes movie later this year. But for now, we wrap up just in time for Walter to dash off to Bafta for a screening of a film she made with Julie Walters. Well, perhaps there is just a little something of the starry about her after all.

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STAY AT...

Paris is a playground of luxury so if you're just here for a few days then treat yourself to a suite in one of the best hotels in the city. On the chic rue du Faubourg Saint-Honore, **Le Bristol** is a 'grand hotel' that manages to be discreet, elegant and also cosy; in the most lavish sense of the word. The Saint-Honore suites have a 'fin de siecle' décor with chandeliers, chintz, gold-rimmed mirrors and enormous marble bathrooms that lend a romantic, dreamy atmosphere to the whole stay. The hotel opened in 1925 and still has an air of an eighteenth century palace about it, with walls of Gobelins and Lille tapestries and old master paintings acquired from an auction of reserve works by the Louvre Museum before WWII. The courtyard gardens are perfect for an early spring tea or book a terrace suite for a pretty, 1,722sqft terrace overlooking the gardens. Plus don't forget to check dates for the upcoming Fashion High Teas, where guests can enjoy a classic 'English tea' while watching models show off the latest collections from the likes of Celine, Yves Saint Laurent and Ungaro. It's like being front row at your own private fashion show.
(Hotel Le Bristol, 112 rue du Faubourg Saint-Honore, 75008 Paris, +33 15343 4300, lebristolparis.com)

One of the most famous hotels in the city, if not world, **Hotel de Crillon** was built on the commission of Louis XV in 1758 before becoming a palace hotel in 1907. It has hosted some of the century's most illustrious guests from Elizabeth Taylor, President Theodore Roosevelt and Madonna to King George V, Winston Churchill and the Dalai Lama. The suites are all furnished in sumptuous Louis XV style décor; think Baccarat chandeliers, Aubusson carpets and Wedgewood medallions. The entire hotel has a sparkling, magical quality that makes you feel like you're living a fairytale, albeit one for spoilt grown-ups. Plus it's location on the world-famous Place de la Concorde gives the impression that the whole city is at your disposal. The Champs Elysees, the Louvre and the gorgeous Tuileries Gardens are just a short walk away, so it's perfect if you're only staying in Paris for a few days and want to be in the heart of the city. The chic, classic bar is elegant and masculine in dark wood and was decorated by the fashion designer Sonia Rykiel; or for afternoon tea try the pretty Winter Garden Tea Room, a luxe indoor area with plenty of light and traditional French pastries, centred around the magnificent Baccarat elephant sculpture.
(Hotel de Crillon, 10 Place de la Concorde, 75008 Paris, +33 14471 1501, crillon.com)

BE INSPIRED BY...

To tie in with fashion week there are fashion and beauty icon-themed exhibitions all over the city this month, so be sure to wander around the smaller galleries in the Marais. It's definitely worth going to the Artistes & Stars exhibition of photos from Paris Match magazine at the **Museum of Art and History** (theatre-antique.com). Style icons such as Maria Callas, Josephine Baker, Ray Charles, Johnny Halliday and Sylvie Vartan are among the celebrities and creative minds snapped by the photographers of Paris Match.

Paris also plays host to the third **European Independent Film Festival** (ecufilmfestival.com) this month (13-16 March), which is fast becoming Europe's version of Sundance. Mingle with independent filmmakers, scriptwriters, actors, producers, film students and directors at the screenings and informal workshops, which are all free. Over 100 independent, low-budget films chosen from the thousands submitted, including full feature length, shorts and documentaries, are screened at the famous La Bibliothèque Nationale de France on the banks of the river Seine.

RELAX BY....

Take a tip from the Parisian women and book a spa appointment at the gloriously decadent **Le Spa Valmont** at **Le Meurice**. (228 rue de Rivoli, 75001, Paris. +33 14458 1077). Try the Glaciers Moisturising Vitality Treatment (€200 for 90mins), which includes an intensive collagen mask that plumps up the skin, banishes wrinkles and gives you a healthy looking glow. The relaxing body massage with essential oils is also superb (€150 for 60mins) if you have aching muscles or any stress after all that sight-seeing!

Alternatively if you're staying at **Le Bristol** be sure to make the most of its unique pool (lebristolparis.com). Designed by the world-renowned architect Mr Pinnau, who created yachts belonging to the Onassis and Niarchos dynasties, the pool is certainly one of a kind. Built entirely out of teak wood, it gives the illusions of swimming on a yacht. Plus there are stunning views of the Eiffel Tower and the Sacre Coeur basilica from the adjoining terrace.

SHOP AT...

Paris is perfect for one-off vintage finds and beautiful art deco pieces. Hidden in the Jewish quarter of Marais is a plethora of quirky boutiques and vintage stores. **Free'p'Staris** a tiny store owned by a French couple; barter them down from already reasonable prices. If it's a weekend and still quite early, (before 11am. In Paris the markets don't really start until 9am) then hotfoot it to the celebrated antique market, **Les Puces de Paris St.Ouen**, at the Porte de Clignancourt. After browsing through the quirky street vendors' stores make your way to the **Serpette**, a huge, half-enclosed complex within the market. The Serpette's 130 vendors sell the sort of pieces – gleaming 19th-century chandeliers, burnished Art Deco armoires – that are hard to resist, even during the current economic climate.

If you want a dose of luxury, then new footwear boutique **Mell** is just the ticket. With a gorgeous selection of Margiela and McQueen shoes, there's also an in-house foot spa and champagne on hand. (8 rue Royale, +33 14020 0133). Meanwhile it's also worth checking out up-and-coming designer **Robert Normand** (who has formerly worked at Lanvin, Lacoste and Pucci). His first shop is a tribute to op art with a boudoir twist. The clothes themselves have that perfect silhouette that puts them in the 'modern classic' category. Definitely worth a look.
(Jardin du Palais Royal, 149-150 Galerie de Valois, robertnormand.com, +33 15862 2078)

EAT AT...

Restaurant Les Ambassadeurs at de Crillon (+33 14471 1578 restaurants@crillon.com). Head chef is the renowned Jean-Francois Piege, who has transformed the restaurant into one of the must-eat places at the city, since he first arrived at de Crillon in 2004, after a stint under Alain Ducasse at Plaza Athenee. The food mixes traditional with avant-garde; with a focus on complimentary tastes and textures while the decor is classically luxurious with soft lighting, chandeliers and historic paintings in what was a former 18th century ballroom.

The fashion set are currently crazy about cool chef Inaki Aizpitarte's haute cuisine at **Le Chateaubriand** (129 ave Parmentier, +33 14357 4595). It's affordable, delicious French cuisine with a fusion twist. Also hot right now is **Restaurant Le Grand Vefour** (17 rue de Beaujolais, +33 14296 5627), which has traditionally old-school food and impeccable service. Apparently Sofia Coppola and designer Gareth Pugh are regulars.


Le Jardin at Hotel Le Bristol


Suite Elysees, Le Hotel Bristol


Suite Historique at Hotel de Crillon


The fountain in the gardens; below left, the teak pool; both Hotel Le Bristol



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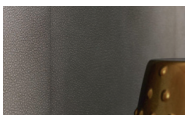
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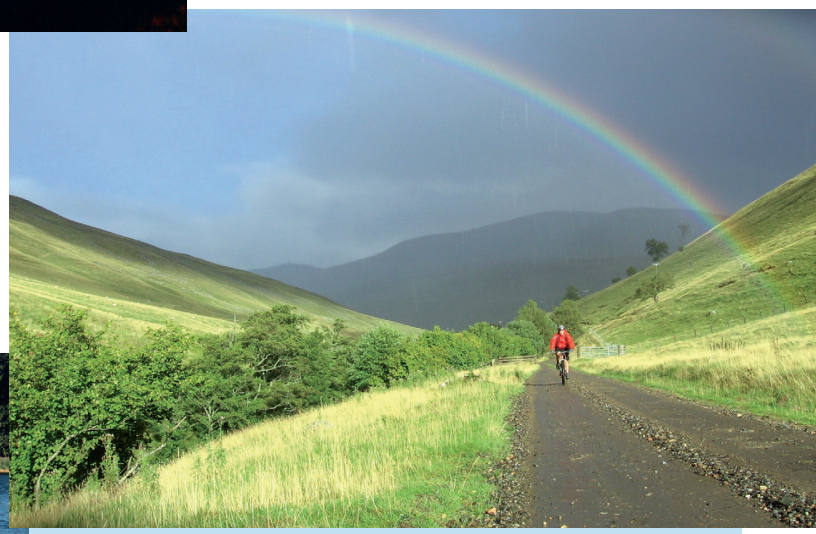


Incredible journeys

How you travel can be as important as where you go. **Amanda Constance** picks four trips of a lifetime

WILD RIDE

For the ultimate wilderness ride, head for the Tien Shan, the 'Celestial Mountains' of Kyrgyzstan. Ride along part of the Silk Road in the company of Sogan Bai, the eagle hunter. Wild Frontiers have a 13-day 'Nomad's Trail Horse Trek' departing at the end of June. Led by local horsemen, guests will ride hardy Ahkal Tek horses across wide open steppes and mountain passes. It might not be luxurious, nights are spent camping or with local nomads, but what the holiday might lack in creature comforts it makes up for in adventure. **The Nomad's Trail in Krygyzstan in June costs £1,945 per person, excluding international flights. Contact 020 7736 3968 or visit wildfrontiers.co.uk**





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WHEELY GOOD

Thanks to Sir Chris Hoy, cycling has never been hotter and there are fantastic holidays available for two-wheeled fanatics. Why not traverse the Scottish Highlands from east to west, a journey of more than 250 miles. 85 per cent of the journey is off-road, taking bikers into the wild where at one point they will be 25 miles from the nearest road. Starting and finishing at Inverness, there are regular departures throughout the year for the eight-day trip. It costs £875 per person and is graded 'challenging'. **Contact Wilderness Scotland, 0131 625 6635, wildernessscotland.com**

POLAR EXPRESS

Recapture the romance of travelling by steam on a 4,200 mile journey through the white nights of the Russian summer. 'Arctic Circle by Steam' is a 14-day trip departing 13 June with travel writer Paul Theroux (right) on board as guest speaker. The predominantly steam-hauled journey is from Moscow to St Petersburg then north over the Arctic Circle to Murmansk before returning. Run by private rail specialists,GW Travel, the trip will combine the sights and sounds of a bygone era with the comforts of the modern age. **The current lead in price is £5,295 per person. Contact GW Travel on 0161 928 9410 or visit the website gwtravel.co.uk**





Henry Madden and Paul Irvine take time out



The view at Coste Pousada



Exploring the Amazon river

Wander boys

Have you ever yearned to turn your exotic travels into a successful business? **Mark MacKenzie** meets two friends who left the City to do just that

Conventional City careers were never going to keep Paul Irvine and Henry Madden satisfied for long. Having met at Gordonstoun school in the late Nineties, the two friends went on to the sort of jobs one might expect for alumni of that institution; Irvine became a private equity headhunter, while Madden plied his trade as an investment banker. Having worked in their respective professions for just five years, they became, according to Irvine, "two crashing bores who went to dinner parties saying how much we wanted to get out of the City".

Such wanderlust was nothing new. In the summer of 1994, between their first and second years at university, Irvine and Madden took an extended driving holiday across Europe: 10,000 miles; 20 countries; three months; one Volkswagen Golf. But City salaries eventually meant they became accustomed to travelling in rather more comfort; to the Far East for the weekend, or a far-flung Grand Prix. Just when it seemed they were destined for long careers in the Square Mile, in April 2003 fate intervened. Irvine and Madden were just days away from a flight to Shanghai, where they planned to set up a financial services business, when the SARS virus hit Hong Kong and they unexpectedly found themselves with some time off. They headed for Brazil where, in Irvine's words, "we really cruised around, hiring speedboats and helicopters to get to some amazing places, some real hidden gems.

"One evening towards the end of the trip," he recalls, "we were standing on Ipanema beach, caipirhinias in hand, and found ourselves wondering why more of our friends hadn't been to the places we had recently discovered. More importantly, we wondered what the hell were we trying to get to Shanghai for?" By the following September, they had relocated to Brazil permanently.

Guests can go heli-skiing in the Andes or stay at a hotel in the Atacama desert

The result was Dehouche, a bespoke luxury travel company that helps clients get under the skin of South America, transporting them to some of the most desirable locations on the continent, in both luxury and style.

I meet Irvine, 34, in Kensington, during a recent whistle-stop visit to the UK (he and Madden have eschewed a smart London office in favour of a smart Brazilian one, in the rarefied Rio suburb of Leblon) and he explains the company ethos. "The concept is a simple one," he says. "When you're young, you have the time to spend an entire summer backpacking to find that idyllic beach where they serve perfect lobster. When you become a lawyer or a banker, you haven't got three months to find these places so we take you there in 10 minutes, albeit by speedboat or helicopter."

It's a philosophy that kicks in the moment their clients arrive in Rio. From penthouse suites in the most exclusive parts of the city, guests then head out on itineraries that are as unique as they are bespoke. In Kilombo, for example, the company's high-tech villas overlook some of the finest beaches in all Brazil, with Dehouche's private speedboat on hand to whisk guests out to watch dolphins. Irvine and Madden were also among the first champions of Trancoso, a hidden paradise in the state of Bahia and the regular haunt of Hollywood A-listers.

The Dehouche secret, Irvine insists, is to ensure that for all the pampering, the travel experience is as authentic as possible and that clients still get the chance to interact with local people. From their Leblon base, the pair now oversee a network of destinations extending far beyond Brazil. In Chile, guests can go heli-skiing in Portillo, home to some of the best powder in the Andes. And if natural highs are your thing, they also know of a boutique hotel on the outer limits of the Atacama Desert.

"People tend to be reassured by the fact that we've been everywhere," says Irvine, "personally testing and re-testing every aspect of every itinerary. Our clients are people who want to capture the authentic flavour of the places they visit. Mind you," he adds, "if they want to drink French champagne every night, we can organise that, too."

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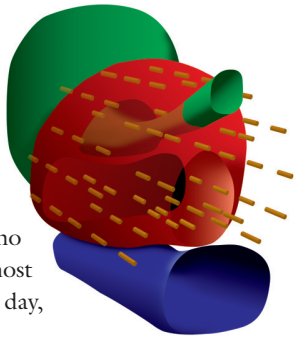
One place recognised for its outstanding results is The Prostate Brachytherapy Centre at St Luke's Cancer Centre, Guildford, a world-renowned centre of excellence for prostate brachytherapy. Prostate brachytherapy is a type of treatment for localised prostate cancer which offers a long-term cure, but with less risk of incontinence or erectile problems than more traditional treatment methods.

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The clinical team has over 10 years of experience in prostate brachytherapy and The Centre's results are impressive, with more than 1,400 men treated to date, on the NHS and privately. Of the first 500 patients treated by the Guildford team, and followed up for seven years, over 90 per cent remain cancer-free. Less than one per cent of these patients have experienced urinary incontinence at any stage and with our latest techniques over 80 per cent have retained their potency. The Centre treats more patients with brachytherapy than any other centre in the UK.

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Top 5 *Spas in* stunning settings

If we could be sustained on views alone, these spectacular offerings would keep us going all year. Escapism at its very best, by **Lydia Williams**





Main, the view across the Haouz Plains to Marrakech; above top, a quiet corner to drink in the view; right, the colourful day beds and plunge pool of the private riad

TIGMI

VIEW: The Haouz plains, Morocco

THE HOTEL: Described as being 'made of mud and imagination' and voted best small hotel in the world in 2007 by GQ; we're obviously not the first to have fallen for this little gem's charms, but boy, did we fall hard.

Tigmi is not for those in search of pristine perfection, but search for soul and you will find it in abundance. The 19th-century, boutique, 21-roomed hotel will leave its mark on you; its elevated vantage point, in the berber hamlet of Douar Tagadert, 24km outside Marrakech, will keep your mind arrested throughout your stay (we lost hours simply staring at the view), whilst letting your bodily self slip into a state of total repose. With two pools, countless gardens, roof terraces and courtyards, there is an abundance of quiet corners for contemplation, a good book or an afternoon snooze. The simple organic tones of the mud walls are brought to life by the tapestries and soft furnishings created by the in-house weaver.

Tigmi has cleverly balanced an authentic sense of Morocco whilst still delivering luxury

THE ROOM: Standard and deluxe rooms, suites and even a private three-bedroom riad are available to let. Tigmi has cleverly balanced an authentic sense of Morocco whilst still delivering luxury – the beds are divine, there are ample fluffy towels, air conditioning and creature comforts, but they have done away with the typical hotel room clutter: not only are they not missed, but the pared-down ethos is rather catching as we remember our abilities to read and converse.

THE SPA: Renovated and reopened this month, the spa at Tigmi is an authentic North African hammam. Enter through a swath of drapes into the hushed, tranquil haven scattered with day beds, colourful cushions and open fires. The spa manager, Karima, may not have the slick, honed skills of her Western counterparts, but the treatments she offers are intuitive and seriously good. Using local Moroccan skincare products containing indigenous herbs, fruits and oils, Karima got to work in an almost maternal fashion; first preparing our skin with black soft soap, then with real gusto, sloughing away a good couple of layers with a traditional Moroccan mitt. Finished off with a lavender oil massage, we emerged into the daylight unable to do much other than nod off in the shade of an orange tree.

THE VIEW: From the pool gaze over the immediate vista of shepherds, animals and rural daily life to the distant city of Marrakech. The picture postcard shot, however, is from the rear of the hotel of the plains, rolling uninterrupted, until they reach the High Atlas Mountains.

THE FOOD: Although the hotel has recently launched a B&B tariff, I would stick with the reasonable half-board rate as dinner is fantastic. A simple, rustic feast of authentic Moroccan dishes – we sampled traditional fish parcels (*pastilla*) and the daily changing tagine.

THE SERVICE: Second to none. There are no set dining times here. If the weather is good, breakfast is packed up and moved onto the roof terrace to make the most of it. The place is rambling, so finding a member of staff is sometimes a game of cat and mouse, but when you do your every whim is catered for.

THE MEMORIES: Nursing a G&T wrapped up by an open fire, star-gazing with great company is one of those perfect memories.

THE DETAILS: Tigmi is offering four nights for the price of three until 31 May, with 20 per cent discount on spa treatments until further notice. Deluxe rooms start from £140 per night on a half-board basis during the low season (July-September).

tigmi.com





For a brief five minutes I was a Euro Princess with a palace of my own



BEAU RIVAGE PALACE

VIEW: Lake Leman, Lausanne, Switzerland

THE HOTEL: A proper Euro palace, the hotel built in 1861, has welcomed guests including Victor Hugo, Charlie Chaplin and Coco Chanel, whose dog is buried in the cemetery here, (lucky mutt). The glamour of this place oozes through the walls. As does the history, the treaty of Lausanne was signed in the Salle Sandoz, the hotel's 600-seater ballroom (above) in 1912. Long corridors, polished marble, antique mirrors and the grand, echoey lobby add to the regal splendour of this place.

THE ROOM: We lost each other in our junior suite, the bathroom alone was the size of many standard hotel rooms, not to mention the two dressing rooms and double balcony.

THE SPA: The 1,500sqft Cinq Mondes Spa, so called as it takes elements from Japan, India, North Africa, China and Bali is so spotless you feel like its first visitor (in fact it opened in 2005 at a cost of CHF12m). A temple of glass, water and dark cedar, you are barely out of the lift and you feel remarkably more Zen – the indoor petal-strewn ponds, attentive staff and utter silence will do that to you. The giant 20-seater Jacuzzi is the spot to enjoy the view, neck-deep in the soothing waters, gaze over the manicured gardens to the lake and mountains beyond, the sense of peace is incredible. The separate male/female sauna and steam room were a shame when visiting on a romantic break, but we rendez-vous'd in the relaxation room and did just that. My three-hour Royal Taoist Ritual was a unashamedly indulgent morning of acupressure massage, chi-alignment, foot treatment and a thorough facial. At the end my therapist taught me some auto-massage techniques to prolong the effects at home, I was tempted to kidnap her and take her with me instead.

THE VIEW: Best appreciated from the fourth-floor private balcony of our corner suite. On our first morning, bleary eyed, we stepped out and grinned inanely at each other and the view that spread before us of the icy, silver water with the looming Alps in the background. The air smelt so pure our grey, London lungs didn't know how to cope, while the vast open skies and greenness of the lakeside left us feeling healthier just for being part of it, no wonder the Olympic Committee live next door.

THE FOOD: We narrowly missed out on the opening of the Palace's latest restaurant, headed by French chef, Anne-Sophie Pic. The only French woman to have been awarded the Michelin Guide's three stars – another nod towards the bar the Beau Rivage sets itself. We didn't miss out however, with dinner in le Café Beau Rivage, a luxe bistro offering excellent seafood and classic French fare.

THE SERVICE: Professionals in the service industry are becoming rare in the UK, that's because they're all working at the Beau Rivage Palace. No grumpy gap year students here, from the chauffeur to the concierge (the female concierge who's brain we picked was able to recommend the best fashion boutiques, specialist shops and off-beat antique haunts without batting an eyelid), we were offered discreet, 5* service.

THE EXCURSIONS: Lausanne has three times the number of museums of Bern, visit the zoological museum in the Palais de Rumine, a taxidermist's dream, and have your photo taken next to the four-legged sheep or a two-headed cow. Amble down through the old town, pop into the other Notre Dame, and onto the Rue de Bourg for some serious shopping. Louis Vuitton, Hermes and every watchmaker worth his bezel has an outlet here. We gave into temptation at Blondel (Rue de Bourg 5, 1003 Lausanne, chocolateblondel.ch), a shrine to my favourite Swiss export – chocolate.

THE MEMORIES: Sneaking into the ballroom and feeling like a borrower as I craned my neck to look at the intricate stain-glassed ceilings and ornate mouldings, for a brief five minutes I was a Euro Princess with a palace of my own.

THE DETAILS: Rooms start at €325 per night per room**, beaurivagepalace.ch**



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MAKANYANE, SOUTH AFRICA

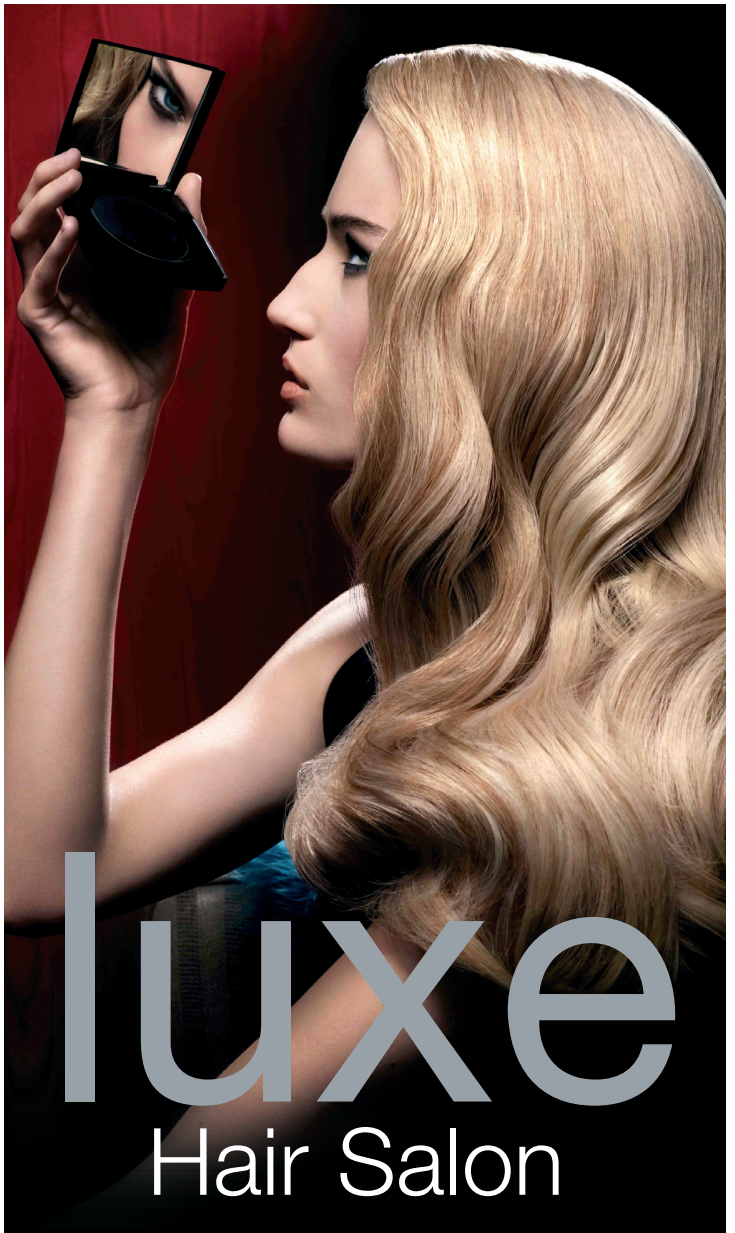
VIEW: Madikwe Game Reserve, South Africa. The 75,000 hectare game reserve is home to Makanyane, a boutique safari lodge offering uninterrupted views of the surrounding forest and Marico river. Guests can enjoy an al fresco treatment on their private viewing deck, just remember to keep one eye open for the big five. **makanyane.com**

THE PENINSULA, HONG KONG

VIEW: Victoria Harbour, Hong Kong. The three-floor health and fitness centre at The Peninsula includes a 12,000sqft spa with exclusive ESPA treatments all overlooking the vibrant city. **peninsula.com**

ISLAND GETAWAY, MALDIVES

VIEW: Indian Ocean, Dhonakulhi, Maldives This is as far-flung as it gets – book in at the Island Getaway resort and be indulged with a spa treatment on your very own sand bank in the middle of the tropical Indian Ocean. **island-hideaway.com**



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Fashion fixers

Amanda Constance meets the duo behind private members boutique Rous Iland


Clare Rous and Kara Iland

"Are they scary?" That was the first thing I asked those in the know before meeting Clare Rous and Kara Iland.

The reputation of this fashion duo preceded them; everyone seemed to be raving about their member's boutique, Rous Iland. I had seen their pictures splashed across numerous glossies and from their polished look assumed they would be business-like, high fashion and terrifying.

I couldn't have been more wrong. Meeting them at their new Mayfair showroom I was immediately impressed with how down-to-earth they are. Rous greets me at the door of their terraced house on Clarges Street and leads me into the showroom, a treasure trove for the sartorially avaricious. Rous (as in 'house') and Iland (pronounced 'island') are welcoming, and we are soon talking frocks.

During their time as Clifford Chance lawyers, the sterility of corporate life led Rous, 29, and Iland, 30, to hatch a plan to go in to business together. They saw a gap in the market for a members-only fashion boutique. "The idea came from a combination of really loving fashion and our own needs," explains Iland. Like many high-powered women they were bored of last-minute dashes to the shops, so a members boutique that met the needs of a time-poor clientele was their dream solution. They opened in May 2007, with a showroom in Holland Park but relocated to their Mayfair location last year.

Reluctant to operate as an online fashion store in the mould of My Wardrobe or Net-a-Porter they wanted a more personal touch. So while anyone can buy clothes from their website, only members get access to the boutique's face-to-face styling service. "We know all our clients," says Rous, "that's the most important thing". They even go on buying trips with specific customers in mind. Membership of the service is free and to join you simply visit the showroom for an initial consultation. "Basically," says Rous, "we look at what holes in your wardrobe you need to plug". Then the client is unleashed in the Rous Iland showroom with both girls in attendance.

Why squeeze into a miniskirt because Vogue is telling you?

While they admit they draw comparisons with Trinny and Susannah, "we don't make people weep," laughs Rous.

Age is no bar on membership although their core market tends to be women in their late thirties. "You can have the most confident woman," explains Rous, "who's in charge of a law firm but is frightened of fashion". Get that first piece right, says Iland, and even nervous women relax and open up to new ideas.

Rous and Iland charge about the room grabbing one gorgeous item after another with infectious enthusiasm. They reel off designer names: Jasuma, Nocturne, Noir, Rebecca Taylor… They all mean little to me. Iland says this isn't surprising. "We go for up and coming brands so you're not paying massive prices". "One of the key things", says Rous, "is looking for something different". Nothing looks high street here, or too "fashiony" either. Rous agrees. "Why squeeze into a miniskirt because Vogue tells you to?" I'm surprised to learn that their most popular size is 16 and that they stock an 18 when they can.

The pair obviously live and breathe their work and often don't shut up shop until 10pm. They are already making plans to go on tour with the clothes, such is demand, and to start their own label. Iland says they hope the label will be "an eclectic mix. Things for work that you can then wear out and feel really good in". With these two behind it, I'm in no doubt it will be a bestseller.

A fashion show and cocktail party to preview Rous Iland's trends and designers for SS09 will take place at Ambassade de l'Ile, 117/119 Old Brompton Road, SW7 ERN on 3 March, 6.30-late. rousiland.com, 0845 003 8945



From top: Beatrix Ong, Maggie platform, £350; Valli, £498



Interiors

by **Judith Wilson**

GET INSPIRED

There's something doubly inspirational about art that not only looks beautiful on the wall, but that also depicts foreign climes. This month, the Affordable Art Fair (12-15 March) returns to Battersea Park, and there will be over 120 galleries exhibiting. We suggest making a beeline for **Tim Hall Photography**, exhibited by Durlacher Fine Art, because Tim Hall, a British contemporary fine art photographer, will be showing his latest collection of photographs for the first time. The Mountain Series, which capture the magnificent beauty of the Arlberg mountain range in Austria, offers breathtaking views of mountain tops and alpine scenes, and start from £600 for a 15" by 15" limited-edition print. Hall's other haunting natural images, including his Trees and Seascapes pictures will be available to buy. All the prints are printed on museum quality paper. **Tickets cost £12 on the door, contact 0870 777 2255, or affordableartfair.com**



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THIS MONTH YOU SHOULD...

… Head to Paris for some chic interiors inspiration. First stop should be **Merci,** a visionary new fashion and interiors store, located over three floors in a beautiful and historic old wallpaper factory in the trendy Marais district. This brand new shop aims to mix mainstream brands with bespoke creations, vintage with contemporary designs; there will also be a florist, a literary café and a childrenswear section. You'll be able to hunt out treasures such as a flea-market coloured glass chandelier, or Bakelite light switches, still made in Eastern Europe – there is plenty here to tempt. **111 Boulevard Beaumarchais, 75003 Paris, +33 (0) 1 42 77 78 93**…. And while you're in the Marais district, drop by at **Dominique Picquier**, a fabulous boutique where you will find Dominique's own-design botanical print furnishing fabrics, plus handbags and travel bags made up in the same prints. **10 rue Charlot, 75003 Paris, +33 (0) 1 42 72 39 14, dominiquepicquier.com**



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LONDON CALLING

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London Relax treatment is available from Spa InterContinental. Intercontinental Park Lane, One Hamilton Place, W1J 7QY 020 7318 8691, spaintercontinental.com



HUSH A BYE BABY

For an A-list approach to jetting off then don't forget to pack a chic Silkskin travel pillowcase (£30) from Harvey Nichols. One of the store's best sellers, the pillow actually helps to delay the ageing process. Made of 100 per cent natural silk it aids the retention of moisture levels in your skin and keeps your hair looking chic as oppose to ruffled. The new matching eye-mask (£36, pictured above) means you'll be able to get your beauty sleep on a long-haul flight. It's infused with organic lavender to soothe your nerves.

Harvey Nichols, 109-125 Knightsbridge SW1X 7RJ, 020 7235 500



RAY OF LIGHT

This month (until 14 March) Estee Lauder in Harrods is giving away the ideal streamline travel kit with mini versions of all your beauty essentials. When you buy two or more Estee Lauder products (where at least one is a moisturiser, repair serum or eye-care product) you'll receive an exclusive gift comprising of Re-Nutriv Ultimate Youth Crème 15ml or Re-Nutriv Ultimate Lifting Crème 15ml, Re-Nutriv Intensive Hydrating Crème Cleanser 30ml, Re-Nutriv Intensive Softening Lotion 30ml, a gold fluted eye-shadow compact, an Estee Lauder Signature lipstick and the fantastic Projectionist High Definition Volume Mascara. In addition you can also expect a free five-piece travel set that includes a stylish travel wallet, passport cover and cosmetics case.

Estee Lauder Gift Time is available at Harrods, 87 Brompton Road, SW1X 7XL, harrods.com

GOOD TO GLOW

Nestled in a quiet street inKnightsbridge this spa has the feel of an intimate boutique hotel combined with the professionalism you'd expect from one of the world's best retreats. The amazing Get Glowing Facial (£75 for 45 mins) has been designed exclusively for Glow Spa by La Prairie to leave you with radiant skin that's ideal for a pre-holiday boost. Not only did I feel calmer afterwards than I have in months, my tired skin was transformed back to that just-in-love glow we all crave.

Glow Urban Spa, 8 Motcomb Street, SW1 8JU, 020 7752 0652, glowurbanspa.co.uk



HIGH FLIER

Jetting off may be good for the spirits but it's often your skin that suffers. The result is major dehydration and noticeably drier, flaky skin that shows up fine lines. Thankfully Prescriptives has revamped its Super Flight Cream (£24.47), one of the iconic products of the 1990s. The new version has all the benefits of the cult classic but with a new formula that contains skin-saving ingredients such as linoleic acid, wheatgerm extract and ceramide to create a 'barrier' on the skin that stops moisture escaping.

Prescriptives Super Flight Cream is available at Harrods, 87 Brompton Road, SW1X 7XL harrods.com



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Cult brand Dr Hauschka has solved the problem of making products that are fabulously indulgent whilst still being natural. The whole range is completely free from synthetic fragrances, colours and preservatives, while containing natural essential oils, and plant essences. Their Daily Body Kit (£15) is my must-have travel companion. A sleek, silver tin contains everything you need to stay beautiful, from the refreshing Lemon Bath to the my personal favourite, the Rose Body Moisturiser. **For stockists see drhauschka.co.uk or call 01386 792642**

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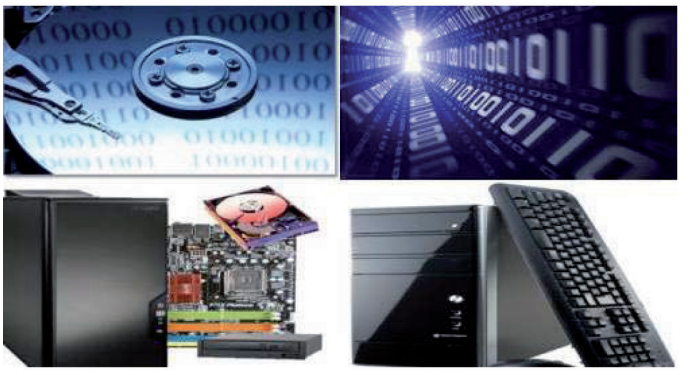
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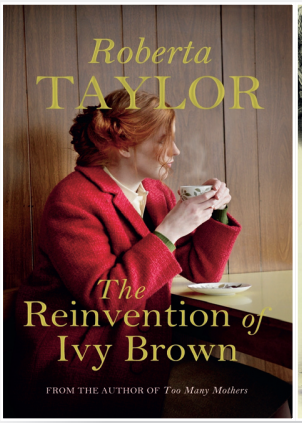
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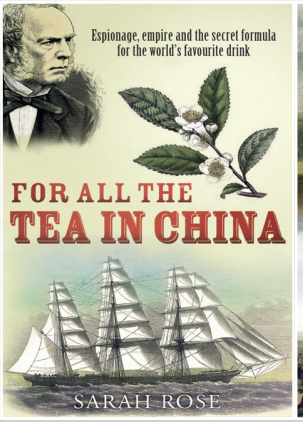
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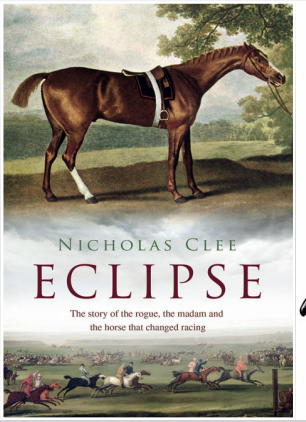
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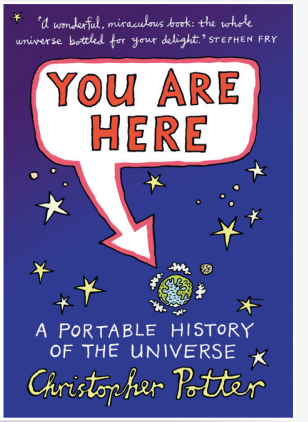
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THE REINVENTION OF IVY BROWN by Roberta Taylor, Atlantic Books, £14.99
It's 1963 and London is experiencing one of the coldest winters it can remember. Ivy Brown sits in her typists' pool at the Wiseman Pulverising Company, shivering at the thought of the cold outside, but much more at the prospect of turning 30. Her new Beaver Lamb coat and two men called Arthur and Brian, are the only warm spots in her life, except that both men offer her their affection at a price. Brian's job is to provide a form of grappled instant satisfaction; Arthur's role is more complex. Criss-crossing London in pursuit of the real story behind Arthur's carefully constructed façade, Ivy finds herself at the Tate Gallery, where she encounters the outrageous Pandora and tumbles headlong into her decadent, sapphic west London world. Written with a tangible feel for the rigid conventions and class divisions of the times, Roberta Taylor writes with the veracity of a Londoner born and bred, with the additional insight her part as Irene Raymond in EastEnders has offered her.

FOR ALL THE TEA IN CHINA: Espionage Empire and the Secret Formula for the World's Favourite Drink by Sarah Rose, Hutchinson, £18.99
In 1845 Robert Fortune lay dying on a Chinese junk in Fuzhou, a situation made more critical by the imminent arrival of a group of pirates. Rousing himself, he adopted the subterfuge of dressing all the Chinese crew members as British soldiers and standing on deck to ward off the intruders – a strategy that worked. He subsequently turned his adventure and the story of his discovery of Chinese plants beloved of Victorian England into a bestselling book. This brought him to the attention of the East India Company, who conceived the idea of sending him to China to steal both the ancient methods of tea-growing and the plants themselves to break the tea cartel that had the country locking up their expensive tea in chests. This he managed with great success, whilst putting himself in great personal danger – it was effectively industrial (or at least horticultural) espionage. But it certainly broke the tea cartel and brought tea-drinking, for both the rich and the poor, to its central place in British life today.

ECLIPSE: The Story of the Rogue, the Madam and the Horse that Changed History by Nicholas Clee, Bantam Press, £20
Eclipse is arguably the most important racehorse of all time. He won practically every race he was ever entered for, sired 344 sons and daughters who were also winners, and his bloodline continues to this day. Bred in the eighteenth century by the Duke of Clarence's stable, Eclipse got off to a suitably royal start in life, so how is it that he became the property of an Irish ne'r-do-well called Dennis 'Count' O'Kelly, whose major talents were guile, a skill at betting and, clearly, a perfect eye for livestock. Investing his considerable winnings in buying half a leg to start with, he was repaid in spades, which allowed him to fraternise with the great and the good of the aristocracy and even the Prince Regent. When Eclipse finally died, he was found to have a massive 14lb heart that literally allowed him to 'run the distance'. O'Kelly, too, kept going, never fully accepted, but rich enough to buy the Duke of Chandos's house, Cannons, now home to North London Collegiate School.

SADOMASOCHISM FOR ACCOUNTANTS by Rosy Barnes, Marion Boyars Publishers, £8.99
Paula is 38 years old and in love with Alan, who is an accountant. The temerity of Alan going off with a younger model called Belinda takes some beating, especially since Paula is not nearly as dull as she looks and Alan, well, is. Paula's solution is not what you'd call conventional. When a surprise naked appearance at Alan and Belinda's flat doesn't work, she enrols in the local sadomasochism club, Liscious (just think Max Mosley). It soon becomes clear to Paula that the lessons that can be learned there are not only of the sexual kind. Alan, meanwhile, is beginning to understand quite how high maintenance it is to look as good as Belinda, and the price he might have to pay – a nip and a tuck, for example – might not produce the sexual frisson he'd had in mind. This has to be the most unlikely romantic comedy ever, but does that have to be a bad thing?

YOU ARE HERE by Christopher Potter, Hutchinson, £20
I expect you can remember writing your address on your schoolbooks as 'The World, The Solar System, The Galaxy', bristling with pride at a scientific knowledge beyond your years. I expect you can also remember staring up at the sky at night wondering what's out there and what our place in it all is. That, for most of us, is as far as we get, apart from a half-hearted attempt to read Stephen Hawking's *Brief History of Time*. Now is the time to make amends, by reading Christopher Potter's immensely enjoyable, accessible and enlightening explanation of 13.7 billion years of history, in which he makes some sense of how simple matter became human and how the very planets themselves evolved. We may never know with absolute certainty what we are and why we are here, but one thing's for sure: you'll feel a whole lot cleverer once you've read this entertaining and informed labour of love from a man who draws on his wealth of literary and intellectual experience to illuminate a lifelong interest in trying to understand where nature and science collide.

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THE HISTORY: After undergoing some extensive refurbishment, The Crown opened its doors again at the end of 2003. This privately owned village inn has been transformed into a boutique hotel with 11 individually designed and furnished rooms. The village of Stoke by Nayland is petite and picturesque, built on a hill above the Stour and Box river valleys, on the Suffolk/Essex border. St Mary's Church is a local landmark with a 120-foot tower that can be seen for miles around and Constable immortalised the surrounding countryside in his painting, *Dedham Vale*. The location is now an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

THE GUESTS: The restaurant attracts locals from the area and the hotel, guests from London. Couples escaping for a very peaceful weekend that is not too far from the bustling capital and family groups for some fine, local dining.

THE ROOM: The room is a warming mix of greens, whites and creams, with a stunning wrought-iron bed and views overlooking the adjacent fields. The wallpaper is a repeated motif of birds in ornate cages, which gives the room an antique, familial feel. The bathroom is ample in size with a huge shower head over the bathtub and complimentary tea, coffee, mineral water and some delicious biscuits are a welcome touch.

THE RESTAURANT: The hotel has a large gastropub attached and is a mixture of modern gastro and country pub décor. What makes it a refreshing break from the norm is the furniture – armchairs, wicker chairs, leather chairs alongside low tables, round tables, oblong tables – nothing is too regimented. The number of people eating on a Saturday night must be testament to the fantastic kitchen and a menu that delivers nothing less than spectacular fare. Baby squid stuffed with chorizo, prawn and rocket is an innovative starter, with taste buds going into overdrive and the soup of creamed sweet potato and chilli is just the ticket on a cold day. The char-grilled rump steak was tender and delicious and came with chips cooked in duck fat and garlic and foie gras mayonnaise. Likewise with the grilled salmon on a bed of mustard greens – the fish is positively creamy in texture and a good five inches thick. The extensive wine list is impressive and very reasonably priced, with recommendations made to complement each dish on the menu.

THE UPSIDE: The food. Bar none, this is the best part of an entire stay. And knowing that it is all sourced from local farmers and traditional breeds of meat, such as free-range Gloucester Old Spot Pork from the extensive woodlands of Marks Hall Estate and lamb from the Colne Valley, makes it even more appealing. A constantly changing fish specials menu is possible since their location is so close to the east coast, fresh fish arrives daily from the fishing boats of the Blackwater Estuary in Mersea.

THE DOWNSIDE: The restaurant is so busy that staff can be a little inattentive upon first arrival. There is no real designated spot to announce your reservation and with so many people at the bar and in the restaurant you could get a little overlooked.

THE EXTRAS: Breakfast is included with every reservation which is great – so no matter if you just have local field mushrooms and grilled tomatoes on toast or a full English plate of fuel to keep you going, it is all the same.

THE DETAILS: Standard rooms from £70 up to £185 for an executive double per night.

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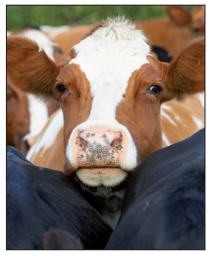


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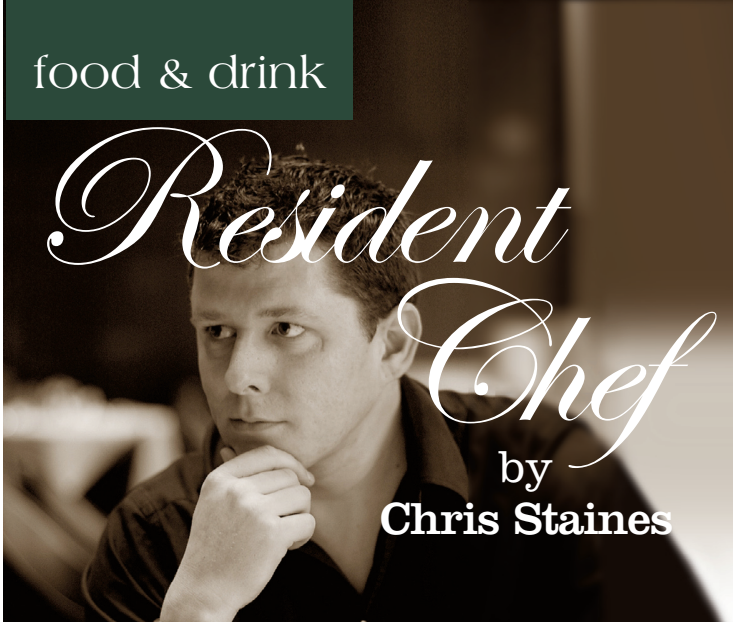




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Resident Chef by Chris Staines

An avid cheese lover, Brillat-Savarin (French politician and renowned gastronome) once remarked, "A dessert without cheese is like a beautiful woman with only one eye". I love cheese and whilst I admit that for many years our continental cousins were recognised to be the big cheeses of concentrated milk production, British cheese production and consumption is booming like never before. With somewhere between 700 and 900 different cheeses being produced in the UK this year (compared to some 290 in 1994) and around 640,000 tonnes of cheese being consumed each year, Britain is one to watch. Indeed at the World Cheese Awards in 2008, British cheeses claimed hundreds of awards, including some 30 Gold Medals.

Cheddar still remains Britain's favourite with 55 per cent of the market share but given the exciting array of other weird and wonderful cheeses around I have dutifully put together a Top Ten list, all of which have also picked up Gold medals at the World Cheese Awards:

Capricorn goats cheese – Lubborn Creamery, Cricket St Thomas
Soft mould-ripened goat's cheese with creamy and full flavoured palate.
Swale Dale goats cheese – Swale Dale Cheese Company, Yorkshire
A hard goats milk cheese, white in colour with a soft moist open texture. Smooth and mildly tangy flavour.
Stilton – Anthony Rowcliffe and Son/Long Clawson Dairy
Creamy, fresh-tasting cheese with green to blue mould running through it, often called the 'King of Cheeses'.
Barkham Blue – Two Hoots Cheese, Barkham near Wokingham
A moist deep-yellow interior with a well-veined appearance, mild blue taste, creamy and buttery finish.
Double Gloucester – Daylesford Organic farm shop, Gloucestershire
Traditionally made and aged for eight weeks, fantastic fresh flavour.
Tunworth unpasteurised cows – Hampshire Cheeses, Hampshire
Amazing soft rind cows milk cheese, very creamy texture, wrinkled rind with a full and unique flavour.
Lord of the Hundreds – The Traditional Cheese Dairy, East Sussex
A thoroughly unique un-pressed ewes milk cheese with aromas of caramelised hazelnut, sweet savoury balance and crumbly texture.
Vintage mature cheddar – The Cheddar Gorge Cheese Co, Somerset
The only cheese still made in Cheddar, this vintage cheddar is matured for at least a year to develop optimum flavour, stunning!
Sharpham rustic – Sharpham Vineyards, Totnes, South Devon
The 'Rustic' is semi-hard, matured for approximately 6-8 weeks, giving a light-flavoured cheese with a moist, creamy texture. A thin, natural white rind forms during the maturation process.
Little Wallop – The Evenlode Partnership, Chipping Norton, Oxon
Produced in Somerset on behalf of Alex James (ex Blur bassist) and Juliet Harbutt (British Cheese Awards). The rind of the cheese is washed with cider apple brandy and wrapped with a vine leaf.

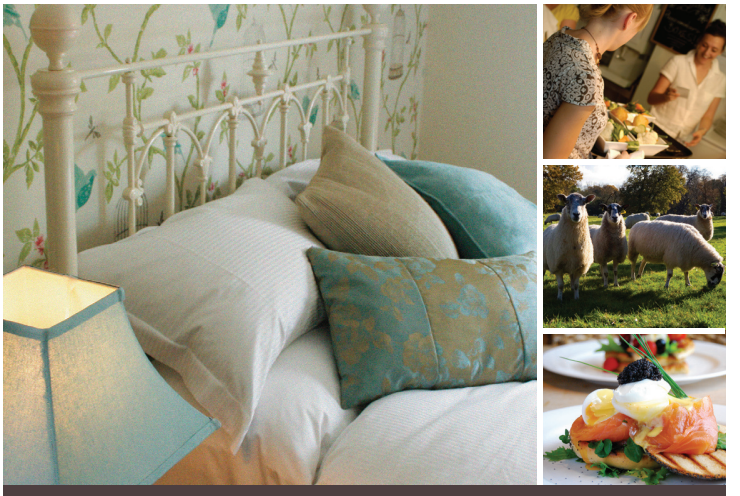
For more information on all things cheesy, including shops, events, books and master classes, have a look at this fantastic website created and run by Julie Harbutt. Bon Fromage! **thecheeseweb.com**

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House wine: Ortona Malvasia Bianco Primo, 2006, £13.95; Sangiovese Vignali Roccamora (Sicily), 2006, £13.95.
Approx price for two: £60 for two
Opening times: Monday-Friday, 12pm-2.30pm, 6pm-11pm; Saturday, 12pm-3.30pm, 6pm-11pm; Sunday, 12pm-3.30pm.



SHIKARA RESTAURANT

87 Sloane Avenue, SW3
020 7581 6555
www.shikara.co.uk
Set-lunch menu: Set menus available, including Shikara Akayla
Sample Dishes: Adraki Chops, Murg Shashlik, Malabar Monkfish Curry, Jheenga Karahi
House wine: Red and white, both £10.50 each
Approx price for two people: £40
Private room: N/A
Outdoor area: N/A
Opening times: Lunch, 12.30pm-2.30pm, 5.30-11.30pm



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84 Old Brompton Road, SW7 3LQ
020 7589 2401, www.ilfalconiere.co.uk
Set menu: Three-course lunch £12.50, three-course dinner £18.50.
Signature dishes: *Linguini frutti di mare*, *filetto di bue* (carpaccio), *saltimboca alla Romana* and *gamberoni all aglio.*
Sample dishes: Seafood salad, grilled minute Scotch entrecote steak, fillets of lemon sole with caviar sauce.
House wine: Bianco de Venezie and Merlot, both £12.50.
Approx price for two people: £50
Private room: Accommodates up to 40 guests.
Outdoor area: Accommodates up to 10 guests.
Opening times: Monday-Saturday, 12pm to 11pm; closed on Sundays.

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99 High Street Kensington, W8 5SA
020 7368 3993
www.roofgardens.virgin.com
Set menus: Lunch menu available Monday-Friday, from £17.50; Saturday from £18; Sunday from £22.
Sample dishes: Seared Scottish diver-caught scallops; tartlet of goats curd, butternut squash, caramelised red onion; rhubarb parfait with honeycomb, pear sorbet.
Approx price for two: £70 (without wine)
Private room: The private dining room has its own private terrace, iPod connection and waiter. It is ideal for up to 12 guests. Or hire exclusive use of Babylon for up to 110. T&C's apply.
Opening times: Monday-Sunday,12-2.30pm; Monday-Saturday, 7pm-10.30pm.



FRANCO'S

61 Jermyn Street, SW1Y, 020 7499 2211
www.francoslondon.com
Set-lunch menu: Two courses £25, three courses £30, four courses £35.
Signature dish: Black tagliolini with crab and courgette.
Sample dishes: 'Porchetta' pork belly with red onion marmalade; classic lasagna; spaghettini with clams and sweet chilli; beef tagliata with roast potatoes and olives; hot Gianduia chocolate fondant with vanilla ice cream
House wine: Madregale Bianco 2006, Madregale Rosso 2005, both £18 per bottle.
Approx price for two: £60
Private room: Two rooms, seat 18 and 60.
Outdoor area: Seats 12
Opening times: Monday-Thursday, 7.30am-11pm, Friday, 7.30am-12am, Sat, 8am-12am



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25-27 Elystan Street, SW3 3NT
020 7584 5248, www.elistano.com
Set-menus: Weekday two-course lunch, £14.50, weekend brunch menu now available.
Sample dishes: *Bresaola con rucola e parmigiano* – thin slices of cured beef with rocket and parmesan; *gamberoni grigliati piccante* – grilled butterflied prawns with garlic, chilli and white wine.
House wine: Torre Solaria Insolia, Sicily 2005, £15; Torre Solaria Nero D'avola, Sicily 2005, £15.
Approx price for two: £65
Outdoor area: Up to 20 covers
Opening times: Lunch: Monday-Friday 12.15pm-3pm; Saturday 10am-3pm, Sunday 10am-4pm. Dinner: Monday-Friday 6.15pm-10.30pm; Saturday 6.15pm-10.45pm.



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table talk

by **Annica Wainwright,** an editor at *Square Meal*

MEALS ON WHEELS

If you do find yourself chained to the desk, why not order in some nice food to compensate? The Brompton Quarter Café in Knightsbridge has launched a carbon-free 'Lunchtime Essentials' delivery service to businesses within a mile radius. Staff on push bikes will bring you anything from just-baked baguette sandwiches to salads and quiches. A full menu is available online and you can order by phone or email.
Brompton Quarter Café, 3 Egerton Terrace, SW3 2BX, 020 7096 3452
bromptonquartercafe.com

DITCH THE DESK

Times may be hard but that's no reason to cancel the lunch break. At Cocoon in Mayfair, you can save both time and money by pre-booking a bento box. The pan-Asian restaurant on Regent Street (just off Piccadilly Circus) is offering lunch for £15 – and guests can not only pre-order their meal but also pay in advance, leaving more time to linger over the likes of chicken/beef yakitori or mixed sushi, served with a starter, rice dish, miso soup, ice cream or sorbet and pot of tea. Just quote 'Book A Bento Box' when making your reservation.
Cocoon, 65 Regent Street, W1B 4EA, 020 7494 7600

STAR OF INDIA

Famous fans, including Lucian Freud, Theo Fennell and Sir Bob Geldof helped relaunch The Bombay Brasserie at a party celebrating the Kensington restaurant's recent makeover. The 27-year-old institution has been refurbished and emerged with a more contemporary look. Menus have been updated, a new bar area offers cocktails and there's now informal counter seating at the open show kitchen in the much-loved conservatory.
Bombay Brasserie, Courtfield Close Courtfield Road, SW7 4QH
020 7370 4040





SUPPER AT NICOLE'S

Lunchtime favourite 202, the restaurant at Nicole Farhi's shop in Westbourne Grove, is now open for supper from 6-10.30pm, Tuesday to Saturday. Share one of the excellent antipasti platters ahead of generously proportioned salads and grills in the buzzy, atmospheric dining room.
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restaurant reviews

by **Annica Wainwright**, an editor at *Square Meal*



AUBAINE
260-262 BROMPTON ROAD
SW3 2AS, 020 7052 0100

This modern French boulangerie cum café bistro has long been a welcome haven for shoppers in SW3, with the heady scent of their homemade pastries and authentic breads (nine different recipes are baked daily, including our favourites Meule Raisin and the crusty Pooliche) drawing you in from Brompton Cross.

The long rustic tables with muted country tones and scrubbed white wood furnishings are thoroughly 'Modern French' in style, and perfectly compliment the simple, seasonal cuisine. Our marinated salmon tartar with crunchy fennel salad and granny smith and tomato dressing was a genuine delight – the delicate, iridescent cubes of salmon were brought to life with the crunchy sweetness of the apple; whilst the shellfish bisque with rouille and garlic croutons, was a steaming bowl of authentic potage that, quite literally, warmed the cockles.

After a bun fight over the delicious bread basket, our mains arrived. Roasted monkfish with a fine leek tart and saffron sauce, and lamb cutlets with sautéed baby new potatoes, shallots, roast tomatoes and garlic cream. The monkfish had suffered from a rather tardi exit from the oven and was slightly dry, yet the fine leek tart (the French do pastry so well) was utterly delicious and I could have eaten ten. As I savoured every mouthful, across the table the lamb cutlets were being eagerly consumed, with the juices swiftly mopped up with the golden potatoes and a slick of garlic cream.

Replete and rosy cheeked we declined dessert, but as we passed the counter on the way to the door, weakened by the sweet smell, we had two of Aubaine's tarte au citron boxed up to take home, Aubaine might be French for 'God send', but these pastry delights were sinfully good. - *LW*



GOODMAN
26 MADDOX STREET, W1S 1QH
020 7499 3776

Caviar aside, Russia isn't exactly renowned for its food, so when we heard that Mayfair's latest New York-style steakhouse was the first UK branch of a Moscow-based chain we didn't exactly rush over to Maddox Street to try it. We already had a local favourite in Gaucho Piccadilly (020 7734 4040) and didn't think its super-tender Argentinean steaks could be bettered by anyone – least of all a Russian restaurant.

But people started telling us otherwise: one foodie friend even went as far as proclaiming Goodman's steaks "the best she'd ever had". We booked a table the next day. Could we really be in for the steaks of our lives? Well, yes.

Painstakingly sourced, dry-aged, and cooked on a specially imported charcoal-fired grill, the beef served at Goodman is quite simply spectacular. The menu lists a choice of American or Australian grain-fed beef, which, no matter if you opt for rib-eye, New York strip or fillet mignon, is priced at £25 per steak (though the cheaper cuts are more generously proportioned). The purpose of this is for customers to order by taste preference rather than price and, hence, everyone gets a detailed tour of the meat board before making their mind up. We went for two beautifully marbled rib-eyes – one from each breed of beef – and both proved absolutely spot-on: crisp, smokey crusts giving way to butter-soft pink meat.

So will we be crossing Gaucho out of our address books? Certainly not. While we'll come back to Goodman for the steak, it offers little excitement besides. Granted, its chips are good but lackluster starters aren't a patch on Gaucho's zingy ceviches and the dining room lacks the lively ambience of its rival. Who said you could have it all?



REX WHISTLER RESTAURANT
TATE BRITAIN, MILLBANK
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The Rex Whistler Restaurant at Tate Britain is one of London's great hidden gems. Tucked away in the basement of a gallery, it doesn't exactly encourage passing trade, but it still packs a full house most lunchtimes. Why? We can think of two reasons.

First and foremost, it's reliable. This place has been going for years and earned a well-deserved reputation for consistent cooking, professional service and excellent wines (its impressive cellar is particularly strong on half-bottles, perfect for matching with the food – and there's not just one but two great sommeliers on hand to help you do just that). Secondly, it offers really good value.

Traditional afternoon tea is just £6.95 per person and the à la carte menu caps starters and mains at £7.75 and £15.55 – about the same prices charged by your average Chelsea gastropub. Dinner isn't usually available but head chef Richard Oxley does put together a five-course tasting menu for each 'Late at Tate' session (held on the first Friday of every month), when an all-inclusive price of £60 a head also includes specially selected wines, water and service, with late viewing of the galleries available between 6-10pm.

We recently tried the early-bird lunch offer (£19.95 for three courses before 12.30pm) and were very impressed. A frosty welcome did put us off on arrival but you can't help but fall in love with the mural-clad dining room and the service soon warmed up. The modern British kitchen didn't miss a beat, dishing up home-cured gravadlax with a caper and shallot salad ahead of moist chicken breast on Jerusalem artichoke mash with bourguignonne sauce, and a smooth vanilla pannacotta to finish – all artfully presented, of course.

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PETER SNOW

Veteran broadcaster Peter Snow tells **Sophie Hoyland** of his boarding experience at both St. Andrews and Wellington College

HOW DID YOU FEEL ON YOUR FIRST DAY AT BOARDING SCHOOL?
Terrified. My parents packed me off with my teddy bear, Patrick, but I was put in a dormitory with lots of little so and so's who thought cuddly toys were for girls. Within three days I had wrapped him up and sent him home in a parcel and didn't see him again until the school holidays. I soon learnt life wasn't about being cuddled by mummy and daddy. I had to grow up quickly.

WHAT IS YOUR MOST VIVID MEMORY FROM SCHOOL?
Each morning, whatever the weather, we went down to the plunge in the cellar. There was no central heating and the water was freezing. We had to line up one behind the other and wait for the teacher to shout: "right Snow. Your turn", before we jumped in. Once we had swum to the other end and back we dried off and went up to breakfast. Boarding made a man out of me!

WHAT DID YOU ENJOY MOST ABOUT SCHOOL?
I was an activities person. I loved the stamp collecting club and the Combined Cadet Force. I was also the drum major of the school band, walking at the front instructing everyone when to start and stop playing. The excitement of leading the band across the drills ground was really something. The tragedy of today's education is that there isn't always time for extra-curricular activities. That's what I loved about boarding; when we finished our homework we would go to our club meeting, not sit in front of the box as I suspect many children do these days.

DID YOUR OWN EXPERIENCES OF SCHOOL INFLUENCE THE DECISIONS YOU MADE FOR YOUR CHILDREN'S EDUCATION?
My wife and I both took the view that we would send our children to schools with the very best education, and would pay if we had to. They went to a local primary school but we paid for their secondary education at Putney High and St Paul's. I think it is grossly unfair that very few families can afford to pay but I have no shame in sending my children to private school. I wanted the very best for them.

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVOURITE SUBJECT AT SCHOOL?
From an early age, I discovered my love for classical literature and ancient history. I've always been fascinated by such as extraordinary era that still influences today's society. I didn't bother with German or French class – I was hopeless at both.

DID YOU ALWAYS WANT TO BE A JOURNALIST?
No. I wanted to be an engine driver until I was 15. Then my passion for drama took over and I wanted to be an actor, but at over six foot tall I realised it was a ridiculous dream and would end up in parts like Bottom from Shakespeare's, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. So I moved on to directing theatre.

WHY DIDN'T YOU BECOME A DIRECTOR?
After university I contacted the BBC for a job, but they turned me down, so I called ITN. At that stage I would have done anything to get into television. Unsurprisingly I didn't get the director's job, but was offered a sub-editor position, writing the news, and I took it. Within a week I realised I would be insane to give up this job to make it as a director.

DID YOUR SCHOOLING HELP YOU IN YOUR CAREER?
School was challenging. I never knew what to expect next, but that made good training for life. As a journalist, I never knew what was round the corner, my career was far from straightforward.















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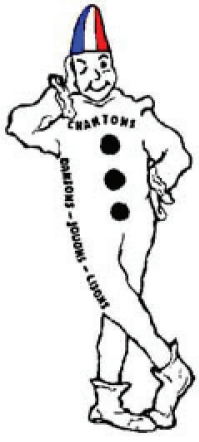
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Food Journalist **Sudi Piggott** meets Jamie Oliver to discuss school dinners, family values and his new London venture

Jamie Oliver, who has done more than anyone to put the agenda of changing and improving school dinners on the table, has a surprising confession to make. He can't really remember what he ate for school dinners when he was at Clavering Primary Village School and subsequently Newport Free School in Essex. He thinks he had sandwiches quite a lot. What he does recall is that: "I used to make loads of sandwiches and sell them on to me mates."

Clearly, his entrepreneurial streak surfaced at an early age. He admits "I wasn't the brightest kid at school, but I did enjoy it. I had good mates there – still have good mates that I've kept from school. But I was in the special needs group for most lessons because of my dyslexia. The only thing I really enjoyed in terms of lessons was woodwork. If I could have my time at school all over again, I'd have made sure the teachers knew about my dyslexia earlier, but to be honest, I was always confident and I've done alright, so I can't complain." Jamie's confident that if he hadn't got into the food business, he'd have made a living out of carpentry. He didn't really have home economic lessons at school. They'd pretty much been phased out of state schools by the late 1970s. But from the age of eight, "when I had my first chef's knife", he began helping out at his parent's pub The Cricketers in Clavering near Saffron Walden. "That's where I first got excited about food and decided the kitchen was a cool place with everyone working together to make this lovely stuff." By the time he was in his teens he knew he wanted to cook. At 14, he was assisting the pub's chef turn out 100 plus meals on a Sunday night. At 16, he won a place at Westminster Catering College and recalls from day one, he could already chop faster than his lecturers.

It's this sort of straightforward enjoyment of cooking and good eating and its power to make life better that is at the heart of all Jamie's enterprises (at 34, he's estimated to be worth well over £20m). It is especially apparent in his campaigning to raise the standard of school dinners and bring back cooking as a compulsory part of the school curriculum. As a result of the questions raised by the School Dinners TV series, Tony Blair pledged an extra £280m over three years, which Oliver acknowledges has started to make a difference, slowly. "The government has made various commitments, which I thank them for. But some of the things we were asking when we did school dinners have still not been achieved. Refitting the crumbling old kitchens to provide decent facilities to cook in and better training for dinner ladies, for example, it's happening in a few places, but there's still a long way to go."

Jamie remains realistic: "I always said it would take 10 years and we're just about four years in now, so I think things are going pretty well." He professes to stay in

touch with all the developments and is impressed by what the School Food Trust (set up by the Government to move things forward and carry on where the programme left off) are doing. The evidence demonstrates that the numbers of kids having school dinners went down initially (as at test school Kidbrooke), but as predicted they're going up again now.

At the core of his straightforward advice on how to encourage children to try new tastes, is his recommendation that dinner ladies ensure kids have a bit of everything on their plate and introduce new ingredients gradually. "As we saw in Kidbrooke at first they all turned their noses up, but gradually a few started to try a few bits here and there and tell their mates and soon you've got half the school back in the dining hall. According to Jamie, spaghetti Bolognese – either meat or veggie – is a sure-fire winner among almost all children for school dinners. For vegetarians, he also rates vegetable jalfrezi and butternut squash risotto as simple, nutritious choices and insists "I've never met a single kid who doesn't like jacket potatoes."

Rightly, he's adamant best results happen when head-teachers, catering staff and parents all communicate and work together. He concedes that from a brief look at school dinner provision in independent schools when in pre-production for the TV series, the meals were generally better, but that was what he expected. Jamie points out: "dinner ladies can only do so much and they're a great bunch who often don't get the credit they deserve. Parents also need to be involved. Let your kids help out with the cooking at home, Mums and Dads!" he exhorts. He emphasises too how important it is to try and sit round a table together as a family once a day and talk over a meal. And if that is impractical because of parents working, as it is in his household, he makes sure it happens at weekends. "During the



week Jools will do the kid's tea and sit with them whilst they eat – good habits start young."

Jamie and Jools sound endearingly old-fashioned and strict despite his indubitable blokeish streak. Though he says Jools doesn't let their daughters, Poppy Honey and Daisy Boo, have chocolate, they often have sweet treats for pudding. "This one of those things that people get wrong about me. Once in a while a bit of chocolate or a take-away pizza isn't going to do any harm at all, but just not every day." As Jamie points out, the real problem leading to obesity is that kids are less active. He recommends getting children involved in growing stuff themselves, "usually the kids will be more excited about trying something if they've watched it grow."

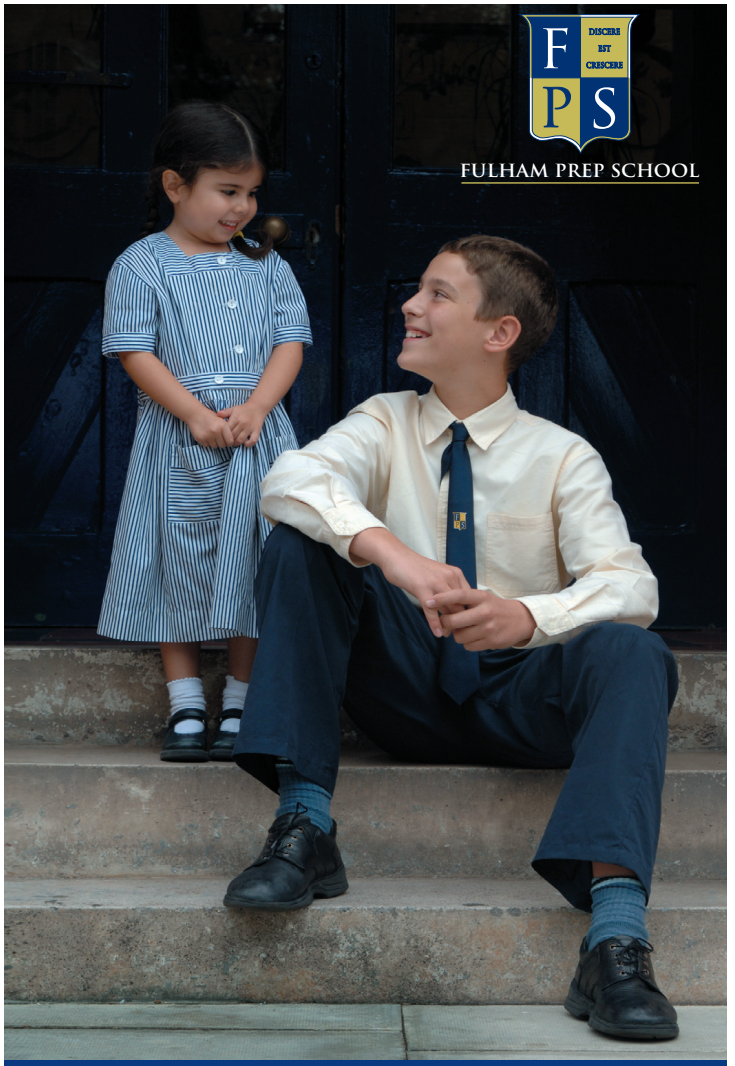
In terms of what to teach in school, Jamie believes it's a combination of learning about where food comes from and about what goes into processed food and how to prepare a better, cheaper, more nutritious version. "Then most kids are going to take that knowledge and use it well. It's like *Ministry of Food* – those people in Rotherham just needed the information to get them started, but there was nowhere to get that".

It's impressive that Jamie doesn't talk mere waffle. He has thought through the specifics, too. He thinks every 14-year-old should know how to cook classic British meals – like a proper roast chicken dinner - the first big thing he learnt when he was about 12. He'd add a good stew too and a couple of international ideas. "If you can make a basic curry, you're laughing. If you can do a straightforward spaghetti Bolognese then that leads on to so many other pasta dishes. Just getting a few sound meals under your belt can start a lifetime's interest in good food."

But how does Jamie manage to fit it all in? Visionary campaigner with a strong social conscience, TV celebrity chef, restaurateur and businessman is a lot for anyone to have on their plate. Jamie explains, "my diary is very well organised to allow me to do all the stuff I need to do, but I'm not really a restaurant chef. I don't own Fifteen for starters – the Fifteen Foundation Charity does. And although Gennaro (Contaldo of Passione restaurant who often appears on his TV programmes) and I came up with all the dishes for Jamie's Italian, I don't cook there because we have a fantastic team in each restaurant.

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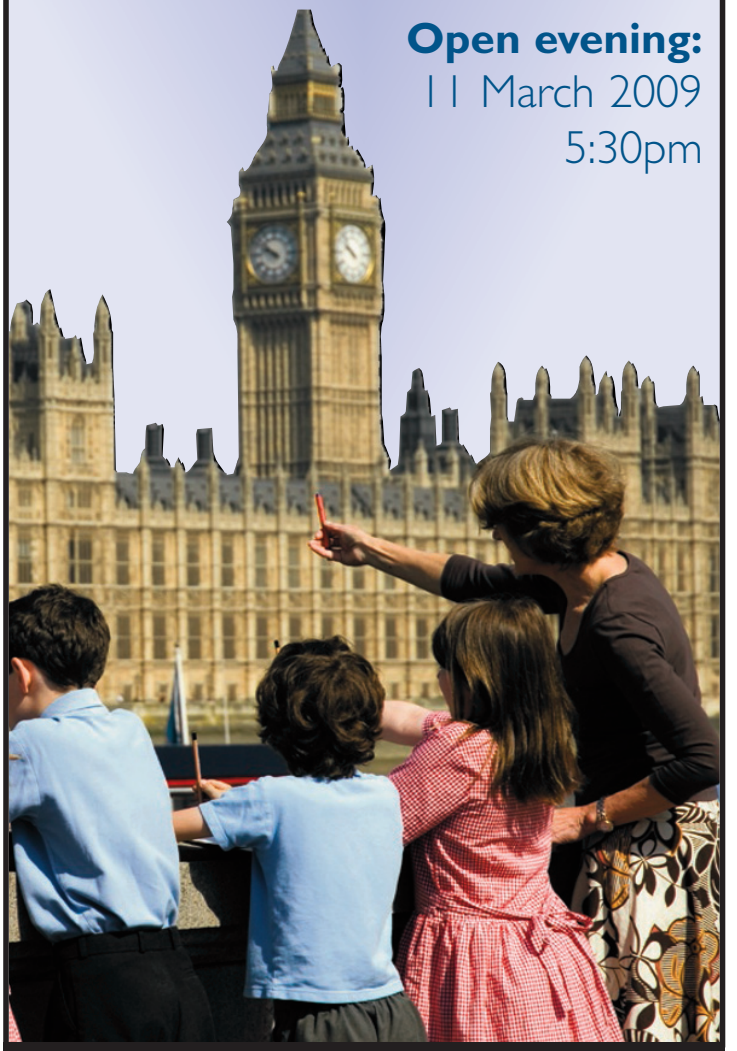
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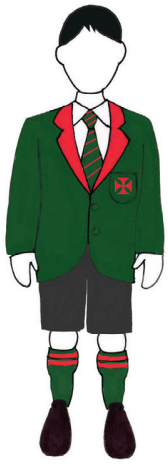
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Curriculum: Set over a four-year period with emphasis on arithmetic and English. Prep for 7+ and 8+ exams to London Day schools is integral.
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It was an international art crowd that joined Daniele Pescali for the private view of 1909-2008 One Century of Italian Art, the latest exhibition at his Imago Art Gallery in Mayfair. Guests enjoyed prosecco, canapés and the fine art on display.

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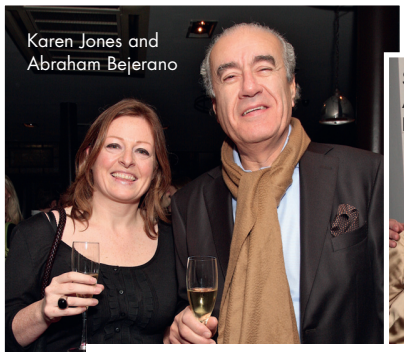


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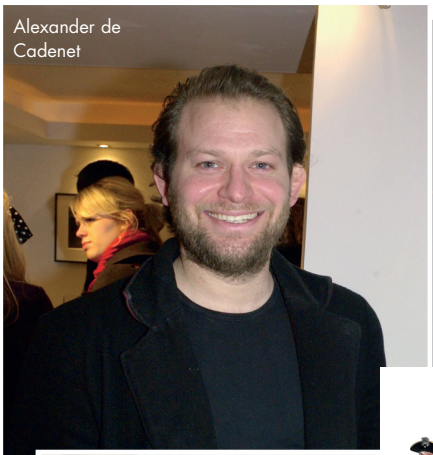

Paul Glossop and Artem Del Castillo


Yannick Aubinais, Dominic Lutyens, David Waters and Steven Short


William Sitwell and Marilees Parkes


Michael Parker and Jenny Rowe

W2's favourite watering hole, the Commander celebrated a major refurbishment with a Champagne and oyster party. Guests slurped on bi-valves whilst they admired the new courtyard butcher and fishmonger and found room for an endless supply of daiquiris.


Alexander de Cadenet

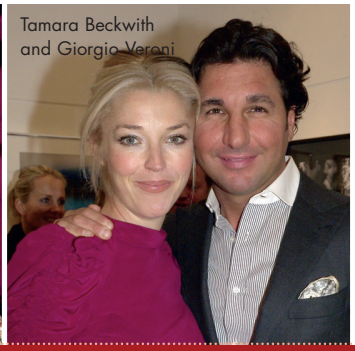

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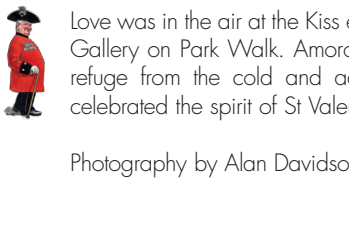

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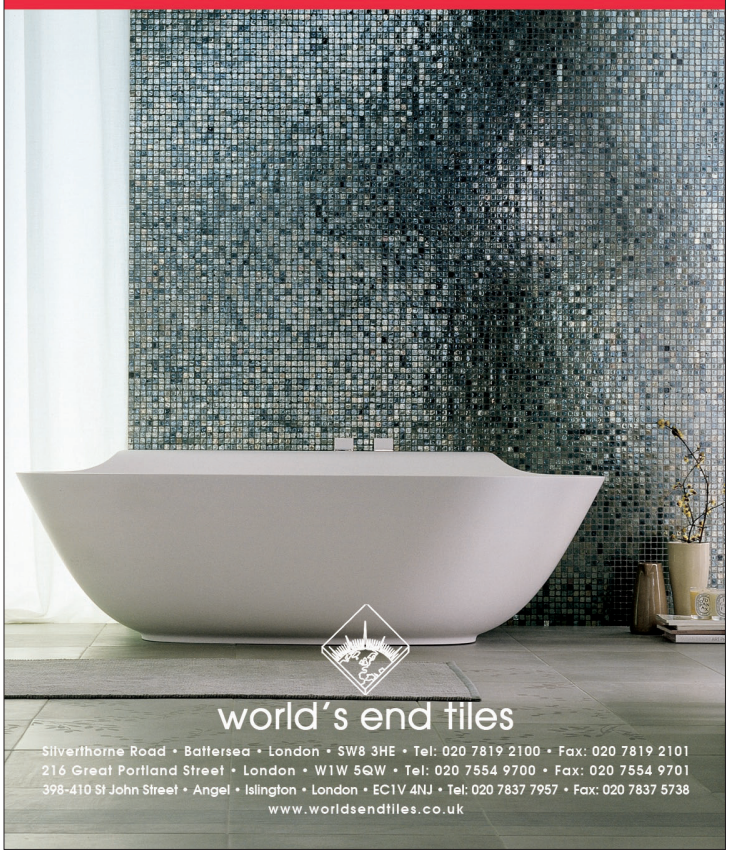
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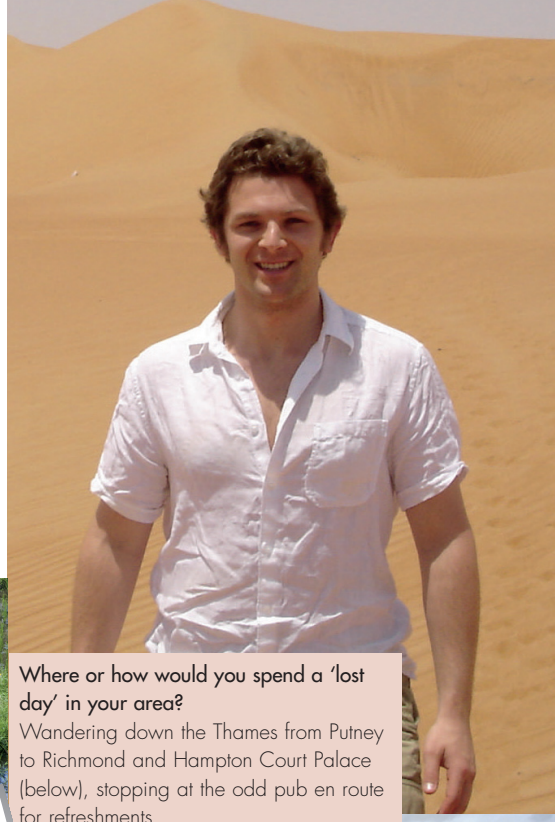
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My residence:

James Merrett

co-founder of Black Tomato



Where do you live and why?
I've lived on the Fulham Road, just off Parsons Green Lane, for the last five years. I love the proximity to Putney and the Thames for walks and drinks along the river in the summer.

Where did the inspiration come from for Black Tomato?
Myself and the other founders – Tom Marchant (who I met at Newcastle University) and Matt Smith (who Tom and I met whilst travelling in Australia) – all share a huge passion for travel. Although we all took on 'normal' jobs after uni, we had a common desire to start our own business and wanted to do something that we were genuinely passionate about – so we set up a travel company that creates truly bespoke and cutting-edge travel experiences

And where did the name come from?
The black tomato is a refined variety of fruit found in rare locations and climates which offers an amazing tasting experience. We aspire to be the Black Tomato of travel!

When did you set up the company?
We founded the company officially in 2005, but had been evolving the concept of the business for some years before that – really since we all first met in 2001.

How is the business doing now?
We are going from strength-to-strength and we have ambitious growth plans for 2009. Although the economic climate is affecting everyone's lives right now, people arguably need some time away to relax even more than ever, so we're here to help people to be able to do that even if they have less budget for their holidays than they may have had in previous years.

Where did you go on holiday as a child?
I was lucky enough to enjoy fun family holidays in the South of France most years, playing endless beach cricket tournaments with my family.

What's your motto for life? To treat other people as I would like to be treated myself.

Who would you invite to your dream dinner party?
Winston Churchill, Lance Armstrong and Ricky Gervais, for a truly eclectic evening

If you could change one thing about London, what would it be? Create a sky-train system so that we could travel quickly above the surface rather than having to be stuck in traffic or underground.

What's your greatest London extravagance?
Eating out – as I have little time to cook and there are so many great places to eat.

Where were the last three places you went on holiday?
Rajasthan in India, island-hopping in Indonesia and safari in Mozambique and South Africa.

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What is a quintessential Black Tomato holiday/experience that you offer?
A combination of culture; adventure and relaxation: our Indonesia experience starts with an overland journey across Java; includes time in Ubud – the cultural and spiritual heart of Bali – and ends in a boutique eco beach resort on a remote corner of the island.

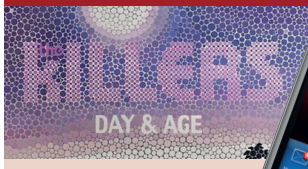
Where or how would you spend a 'lost day' in your area?
Wandering down the Thames from Putney to Richmond and Hampton Court Palace (below), stopping at the odd pub en route for refreshments.



What three things would you rescue if your house was on fire?
My girlfriend, our hamster and my phone – but not necessarily in that order!



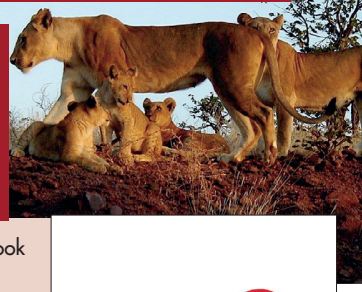
What's your idea of a dream holiday?
Going somewhere that I can really get away from it all, get under the skin of a new destination and experience something truly unique and unforgettable.



What's the last CD you bought?
The Killers – Day & Age



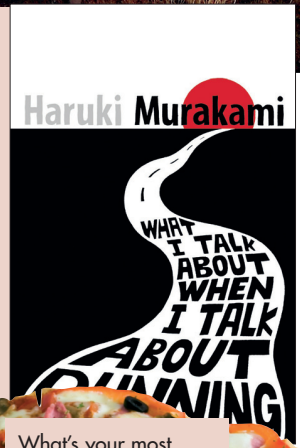
James Merrett never leaves home without…
My Blackberry unfortunately, as with clients all over the world I have to stay contactable.





Where do you like to go out in the evenings?
Our office is now based in Shoreditch, so thankfully there is an incredibly eclectic mix of bars; restaurants and clubs right on our doorstop.

What's the last book you read?
Haruki Murakami's running memoir, *What I Think About When I Think About Running* – as I successfully completed the New York marathon for charity last November, so a relative gave it to me for Christmas.





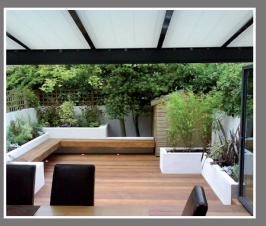
What's the last film you saw?
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What's your most memorable local meal?
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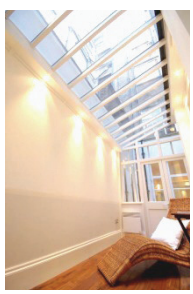
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Entrance hall | Double reception room | Kitchen/dining room | Three bedrooms with en suite bathrooms | Cloakroom | Patio garden | Access to gardens square (subject to a fee)

Asking price £2.25m Leasehold

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Culford Gardens | Chelsea | SW3

1,484 sq ft (137.86 sq m)

A very well presented three bedroom upper maisonette benefiting from a large well proportioned drawing room and a spacious well fitted kitchen/dining room.

Entrance hall | Drawing room | Kitchen/dining room | Study | Three bedrooms | Two bath/shower rooms | Cloakroom | Utility room

Asking price £1,775,000 Leasehold

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Stanley Gardens | Notting Hill | W11

Furnished/unfurnished

A meticulously renovated house located in this sought after street in Notting Hill, and boasts direct access to communal gardens.

Drawing room | Dining room | Kitchen | Six bedrooms | Four bathrooms | Cloakroom | Utility room | Interconnecting staff flat | Direct access to communal gardens

£6,000 per week

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Smith Terrace | Chelsea | SW3

Unfurnished

An excellent four bedroom family house presented in an immaculate condition, offering good entertaining space and well proportioned rooms.

Reception room | Family room | Kitchen/dining area | Kitchenette | Four bedrooms | Three bathrooms | Cloakroom | Roof terrace

£1,950 per week

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Godfrey Street | Chelsea | SW3

Furnished

In this popular address between Chelsea Green and King's Road, a superb three bedroom house with a pretty garden.

Reception room | Kitchen | Three bedrooms | Two bathrooms | Dressing room | Paved garden

£1,400 per week

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Shrewsbury House

Chelsea SW3

A stunning 3rd floor apartment with direct views towards the river which has undergone a comprehensive refurbishment to create an elegant flexible home. Other benefits include excellent security, private garage parking and wonderful natural light. Sole Agent.

£2,750,000

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Chesham Place

Knightsbridge SW1

An extremely light and spacious maisonette arranged over the 2nd & 3rd floors of this well run white stucco fronted building with lift and caretaker. Refurbished approximately 2 years ago, this lovely flat features a particularly good reception room with a high ceiling and hardwood floor and is ready for immediate occupation. Reception room, 2 double bedrooms, 2 bathrooms (1 ensuite), kitchen/breakfast room & guest cloakroom.

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"Oh, London is a fine town; A very famous city, where all the streets are paved with gold; And all the maidens pretty" The Heir at Law, George Colman, the Younger, 1797











Lindsay Square

Westminster & Pimlico SW1

This is a magnificent house backing onto a private garden square located in the heart of an exclusive development with 24 hr porterage. The accommodation is attractive and briefly comprises 5 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, a fabulous double reception, dining kitchen, cloakroom, laundry room and integral garage. Of particular interest is access from the walled garden to the secure landscaped gardens of the square.

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Campden Hill Gate

Kensington W8

An opportunity to acquire an elegant 3 bedroom apartment in one of Kensington's most prestigious portered buildings. In need of modernisation, the accommodation includes a dual aspect drawing room with views over communal gardens, a dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, master bedroom with ensuite bathroom, 2nd bedroom with ensuite, 3rd bedroom and a shower room. Limited off street parking.

£2,500,000

share of freehold

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Cheyne Walk SW3

£10,000 per week

A spacious period house refurbished to an exceptional standard offering 6 large reception rooms, 9 bedrooms, 9 bathrooms, 2 garages, a front and rear garden, 2 dining rooms, 2 kitchens & a roof terrace. The property is set back from the road is close to the river. *(Available now, unfurnished.)*

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The Little Boltons SW10

£1,825 per week

An extremely elegant 4 bedroom apartment occupying the top 2 floors of this imposing period building in the exclusive Boltons Conservation area, having been meticulously refurbished to the highest of standards throughout. *(Available now, unfurnished.)*

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Eaton Square SW1

£1,875 per week

A recently renovated bright apartment of c. 1715 sq ft of this well maintained building (with caretaker) on the most prestigious garden square in Belgravia. Reception, dining room, master bedroom with dressing area and ensuite bathroom, 2nd bedroom with ensuite, 3rd bedroom, shower room, kitchen & communal garden. *(Available now, unfurnished.)*

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St Michael's Mews SW1

£2,200 per week

A spacious family house just off Sloane Square in excellent decorative order set around a private courtyard. The house of c.2,445 sq ft benefits from a double garage, air cooling, south west facing roof terrace and an onsite Estate Manager. Double reception room, kitchen/breakfast room, 4 double bedrooms, 3 bathrooms & guest WC. *(Available now unfurnished.)*

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St. Georges Square SW1

£775 per week

An exceptional 1st floor apartment offering cutting edge interiors throughout including a fully integrated Bang & Olufsen audio & visual. Generous reception room, a sleek eat-in kitchen, gorgeous master bedroom with ensuite, a 2nd bedroom, separate family bathroom & full length balcony overlooking the garden square. *(Available now, furnished.)*

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Bessborough Gardens SW1

£525 per week

A beautiful apartment in the highly prestigious Bessborough Gardens development which was built in a classic mid Victorian style. The apartment occupies a prime position with a fantastic view across the gardens and comprises 2 double bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, large reception, fully fitted kitchen and excellent storage. *(Available now, furnished.)*

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Holland Park W11

£1,750 per week

A spacious 3 double bedroom 2nd floor apartment with a double reception and dining room, separate kitchen, master suite with ensuite bathroom, further bathroom & shower room. The property also benefits from lovely communal gardens which also gives private access to Holland Avenue convenient for the station. *(Available now, furnished.)*

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Wycombe Square W8

£1,250 per week

A stunning 2 bedroom, 2 ensuite bathroom apartment in this prestigious development situated between Kensington High Street & Notting Hill Gate. Finished to a very high standard & is well designed to offer a contemporary style. Separate modern kitchen, open plan reception & dining room, large master suite with stylish ensuite bathroom & 2nd bedroom with ensuite bathroom. *(Available now, un/furnished.)*

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Designer living
This exceptional fifth-floor apartment in Holland Park comprises 2,464sqft of bright and flexible accommodation. The property has undergone a meticulous refurbishment programme by Scandinavian and Italian architects incorporating 'wide plank' Danish Dinesen Douglas hardwood flooring, Bang & Olufsen sound and vision capability, Rako lighting system, Boffi and Toscoquattro design bath and shower rooms and a superb Boffi kitchen/dining room with access onto a balcony overlooking the communal gardens and Holland Park beyond. Master bedroom suite, three further bedrooms, family bathroom, shower room, reception room, kitchen/breakfast room, media room/study.
Guide price £3.5m, Savills 020 7535 3300



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Rachel Hunter and Noel De Keyzer

FOCUS ON....Belgravia
Noel De Keyzer, Head of Savills Sloane Street, comments: "Demand for houses in Belgravia remains strong, with high-net worth overseas buyers seeking to acquire property in this internationally renowned location. The stucco-fronted buildings appeal particularly to families from Russia and countries within the former Soviet bloc. We are currently marketing a Belgravia house with a guide price of £25m and have received two offers – one from a Kazakh national and the other from an Azerbaijan national. Savills has recently carried out an analysis of all the houses currently for sale in Belgravia and it is interesting to note that the average guide price is £7.5m which equates to £1,859 per sqft. Furthermore, the average price achieved for a house in Belgravia over the past year is £5.5 million which equates to £1,434 per sqft.

"It is likely that we will see fewer houses coming to the market in 2009 as many discretionary sellers are reluctant to sell unless they really need to. This constraint on supply should have a positive effect on the value of Belgravia houses.

"Flats for sale also remain highly desirable, and we have recently been instructed on the sale of five flats in Eaton Square on behalf of the Grosvenor Estate. These large lateral units with views of the square gardens range in price from £2.5 to £20m and will prove to be popular investments."

Rachel Hunter, Head of Savills Sloane Street Lettings, comments: "Applicants wishing to rent here can expect to pay anything between £500 and £5,000+ per week for an apartment and £1,000 and £10,000+ per week for a house. The area is especially sought after by international tenants and blue chip companies, who enjoy the prestige of the address and who want good access to the shops and restaurants of Knightsbridge and Chelsea."

"We recently let two smart flats in Wilton Crescent – both of which were fully refurbished to a high specification and had access to the communal gardens. This was a definite advantage.

We have also had a number of successes with mews houses in Belgravia as it is usual for these properties to be offered with off-street or garage parking, which is also a highly desirable feature."

Comfortably contemporary
This outstanding property on Elthiron Road, Fulham has been cleverly configured to maximise both its living and storage space and provides flexible accommodation, ideal for both entertaining and comfortable living. Features include CCTV and high resolution video entry system, CAT5 cabling, air conditioning to the top floor, under-floor heating, fully integrated satellite TV and entertainment system and Lutron lighting to the garden and principal rooms.
Master bedroom suite, four further bedrooms, three further bathrooms, reception room, kitchen/dining room, family room or reception two, utility room, cloakroom, roof terrace and south-west facing garden.
Guide price £2.2m. Savills, 020 7731 9400

Slice of history
Formerly the home of Sir John Peel, Savills is delighted to be marketing this house in Cambridge Street, Pimlico, for sale. Sir John began his career in the Colonial Service, became a prisoner of war in Changi military camp during WWII (from where he was sent to Thailand to work on the Burma-Thailand railway and was one of the only survivors). He later became MP for Leicester South East and an advocate of Europe. So much so, that when Britain gained membership of the Common Market in 1973, Sir John, along with five other pro-European Tories, was knighted. He then became a nominated member of the European Parliament – a position which he held for a year. In retirement, Sir John continued to pursue his twin enthusiasms of European and Commonwealth engagement. Based from the family home he loved in London, Sir John cut a familiar figure wearing his trilby and carrying his walking stick on his daily walk down Warwick Way to his favourite cheese shop. The house in Cambridge Street has four bedrooms, three bathrooms, three reception rooms, two cloakrooms and a garden.
Guide price £1.5m
Savills, 020 7824 0722











South Eaton Place, SW1

A substantial Grade II listed house (5,330sqft/495sqm), just off Eaton Square

- entrance hall
- first floor drawing room
- dining room
- kitchen/ breakfast room
- family/media room
- master bedroom with en suite bathroom
- 5 further bedrooms with en suite bathrooms/shower rooms
- double garage
- south west facing roof terrace

Freehold
Price £12,000,000

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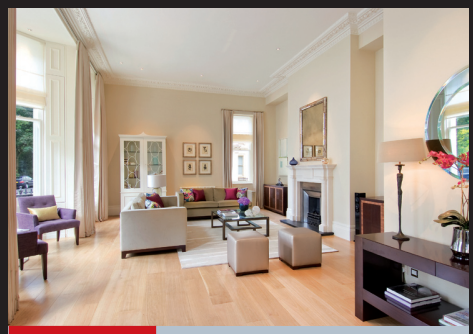
A selection of flats sold in recent weeks by Savills in Central London



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SOLD Eaton Square, SW1W



SOLD Montrose Place, SW1X



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Elegant period houses close to Hyde Park

Hyde Park Gate, SW7

Offering potential to combine into one magnificent lateral building of circa 878 sq m (9,455 sq ft) ▪ subject to the ususal consents. Each house comprises: 3 reception rooms ▪ kitchen ▪ 6 bedrooms ▪ 6 bathrooms ▪ utility room ▪ lift ▪ west facing garden ▪ 463 sq m (4,984 sq ft) and 415 sq m (4,471 sq ft)

Guide Price £7.5 million each or £15 million for the pair Freehold

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Recently refurbished Grade II*, Dutch Gable fronted house

South Kensington, SW7

7 reception rooms ▪ kitchen ▪ 6 bedrooms ▪ 6 bathrooms ▪ self contained staff accommodation ▪ domestic offices ▪ terraces ▪ views over and access to communal gardens ▪ 722 sq m (7,775 sq ft)

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Guide Price £12.5 million Freehold

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Wonderful studios offering a wealth of possibilities

Buer Road, SW6

3 large open spaces ▪ 4 bathrooms ▪ roof terrace ▪ garden ▪ communal off street parking ▪ 522 sq m (5,691 sq ft)

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Georgian grandeur in the heart of Mayfair

Chesterfield Street, London W1

First floor drawing room ▪ dining room ▪ study ▪ kitchen ▪ family room ▪ principal bedroom with en-suite dressing & bathroom ▪ 4 double bedrooms ▪ 5 bathrooms ▪ utility room ▪ kitchenette ▪ decked terrace ▪ storage ▪ air cooling ▪ passenger lift

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ONSLOW GARDENS, SW7

Impressive Onslow Gardens

• Large Entrance Hall • Drawing Room • Dining Room • Kitchen • Master Bedroom with ensuite Shower Room • Two further double bedrooms • two bathrooms • utility room and cella • additional private entrance • two patio • direct access to communal gardens from the drawing room as well as two small private patios.

PRICE £ 2200 per week
TENURE Available unfurnished
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ELM PARK GARDENS, SW10

Elegant Chelsea Living

• Entrance Hall • First Floor Drawing Room • Kitchen/Breakfast Room • Master Bedroom with ensuite Shower Room & Balcony • Second Double Bedroom • Bathroom • High Ceilings • Period Features • Garden Views • Access to Communal Gardens • Lift • 1137 sq.ft/106 sq.m

PRICE £1,175,000
TENURE Leasehold approx 97 yrs remaining
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Brechin Place, South Kensington SW7

A spacious refurbished maisonette

An exceptional ground floor maisonette with its own street entrance and private garden. Master bedroom with bathroom en suite, bedroom 2, bedroom 3 with bathroom en suite, bathroom, reception room/dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, cloakroom, laundry cupboard, climate controlled wine cellar, storage vault, garden.

Leasehold approximately 994 years remaining plus a share of the freehold

Price: £2,450,000

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Beaufort Street, Chelsea SW3

Bright upper maisonette

With its own private entrance, this spacious upper maisonette is situated on the corner of Elm Park Road and occupies all the upper floors of the building. Master bedroom with shower room en suite, bedroom 2 with shower room en suite, 2 further bedrooms, bathroom, double reception room, kitchen, terrace.

Leasehold approximately 119 years remaining

Price: £1,495,000

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Lamont Road, Chelsea SW10

Stunning house with parking and garden

A beautifully refurbished corner house with excellent light throughout, just off the King's Road. Master bedroom with bathroom en suite, 3 further bedrooms, bathroom, reception room, kitchen/family room, cloakroom, terrace, garden.

Freehold

Price: £3,100,000

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Lamont Road, Chelsea SW10

Family house in good condition

This is a bright and spacious family house situated at the preferred eastern end of Lamont Road. Master bedroom with bathroom en suite, double bedroom with shower room en suite, 2 further double bedrooms, bathroom, dressing room/study, double reception room, dining area, kitchen/breakfast room/sitting room, cloakroom, utility area, storage vault, garden, terrace.

Freehold

Price: £2,675,000

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The Orchard, Chiswick W4

Historically significant property

Grade II listed property situated in the heart of Bedford Park with garaging for five plus cars. 3/4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 4/5 reception rooms, garden, terrace, private parking, garages. Approximately 301.3sq.m (3,244sq.ft).

Freehold

Guide price: £1,750,000

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QUEEN ANNE'S GATE, SW1

An exceptionally spacious period house located close to St James's Park and Westminster Underground station.

4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, 4 reception rooms.

Furnished/Unfurnished £3,125 per week



WESTMINSTER GARDENS, SW1

Well proportioned ground and 1st floor maisonette in this portered building close to Parliament Square.

3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 2 reception rooms.

Furnished £950 per week



ST GEORGES SQUARE, SW1

Lateral 1st floor apartment with wooden floors, surround sound and plasma screens.

2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, reception room.

Furnished £775 per week



CAMBRIDGE STREET, SW1

Well presented raised ground floor flat in this period building in the Pimlico Grid.

Bedroom, bathroom, reception room.

Furnished £365 per week

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HORNTON STREET, W8

A newly refurbished maisonette offering spacious accommodation, situated moments away from Kensington High Street.
3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, reception room.
Unfurnished £950 per week



AIRLIE GARDENS, W8

A fully furnished apartment located in this Gothic Victorian building in Central Kensington with access to lawned communal gardens.
Bedroom, bathroom, 2 reception rooms.
Furnished £550 per week



VICARAGE GATE, W8

A spacious property ideally located for Kensington High Street and Notting Hill Gate. Heating and hot water are included in the rental price.
Bedroom, bathroom, reception room.
Furnished £450 per week



GLEDHOW GARDENS, SW5

A wonderful flat situated on the ground and lower ground floors. Reception room, eat-in kitchen and access to communal gardens.
4 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, reception room.
Furnished/Unfurnished £3,950 per week



THE LITTLE BOLTONS, SW10

A recently refurbished apartment arranged over two floors of a magnificent conversion, enviably located in one of London's most prestigious residential addresses.
3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, 2 reception rooms.
Furnished/Unfurnished £2,000 per week



ROSARY GARDENS, SW7

Presented in good neutral order on the 1st floor with high ceilings. All the facilities of Gloucester Road are close, as well as South Kensington and Gloucester Road Underground stations. 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, reception room.
Unfurnished £650 per week

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FLOOD STREET, SW3

A renovated and unfurnished 3rd floor (with lift) spacious mansion flat, with a double reception with dark wooden floors and kitchen/breakfast room.

4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, reception room.

Unfurnished £1,800 per week



CHELSEA MANOR STREET, SW3

A newly refurbished house which offers immaculate accommodation with excellent entertaining space and benefits from its own garage.

3 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, 2 reception rooms.

Unfurnished £1,250 per week



CHRISTCHURCH STREET, SW3

An excellent house situated just off King's Road. Reception room with wooden floors leading to kitchen/breakfast room and paved garden.

3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, reception room.

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- Two bedrooms
- Two bathrooms
- High quality refurbishment
- Share of Freehold
- Third floor
- Gloucester Road Underground

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Stanhope Gardens, SW7

Four bedroom duplex maisonette overlooking a garden square in South Kensington

£1,350,000 Leasehold

- Four bedrooms
- Two bathrooms (one en suite)
- Views over garden square
- Feature fireplace
- Third and fourth floor
- Gloucester Road Underground

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Redcliffe Gardens, SW10

Two bed Victorian conversion with a private garden in Chelsea

£895,000 Share of freehold

– Two bedrooms
– Two bathrooms
– Study and utility room
– Large private garden
– Lower ground floor
– Earls Court & West Brompton Underground

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Old Brompton Road, SW5

Two bedroom modernised flat with parking in South Kensington

£650,000 Leasehold

– Two bedrooms
– Modern bathroom
– Lift
– Parking
– Third floor
– Earls Court Underground

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Nevern Square, SW5

One bedroom flat on communal gardens in Earls Court

£330,000 Share of Freehold

– One double bedroom
– High ceilings
– Communal gardens
– Share of freehold
– First floor
– Earl's Court Underground

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Nevern Place, SW5

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– Two double bedroom
– Two bathrooms
– Wood floors
– Large living room/dining
– Private roof terrace
– Earls Court Underground

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Roland Way, SW7

Refurbished two bedroom mews house in South Kensington

£1,100p/w Furnished/Unfurnished

– Two double bedrooms
– Two bathrooms
– Two reception rooms
– Over three floors
– Large kitchen /dining area
– Gloucester Road Underground

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Ifield Road, SW10

Three bedroom, two bathroom duplex with roof terrace on the Chelsea borders

£595p/w Furnished/Unfurnished

– Three bedrooms
– Private roof terrace
– Second and third floors
– Separate kitchen
– Two bathrooms
– Earls Court Underground

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Embankment Gardens, SW3

Just refurbished two bedroom, two bathroom flat with paved garden in Chelsea

£ 540 p/w Furnished

– Two double bedrooms
– Two bathrooms
– Lower ground floor
– Paved garden
– Wood floors
– Sloane Square Underground

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Old Brompton Road, SW5

Two double bedroom flat close to The Little Boltons

£495 p/w Furnished

– Two double bedrooms
– Separate kitchen
– On-site caretaker
– Third Floor, lift
– Wood floors
– Earls Court Underground

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Redcliffe Gardens, SW10

First floor one bedroom flat just off Fulham Road, Chelsea

£425 p/w Furnished

– One bedroom flat
– Wood floors
– High ceilings
– Open plan kitchen
– Separate dining room
– Earls Court Underground

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Glocuester Street, SW1V

Refurbished two bedroom, two bathroom flat on the Pimlico Grid

£400 p/w Furnished/Unfurnished

– Two bedrooms
– Two bathrooms
– Second floor, lift
– Wood floors
– Open plan kitchen
– Pimlico/Victoria Underground

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Fulham Road, SW10

Just refurbished one bedroom flat close to Fulham Beach

£375p/w Furnished

– One bedroom
– Access to communal gardens
– Separate kitchen
– Fourth floor, lift
– Wood floors
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Gledhow Gardens, SW5

Refurbished studio flat close to Gloucester Road

£295p/w Furnished

– Studio flat
– Separate kitchen
– Private entrance
– Victorian conversion
– Wood floors
– Gloucester Road Underground

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Philbeach Gardens, SW5

Just refurbished studio flat on a tree lined crescent in Earls Court

£265 p/w Furnished

– Studio flat
– Lower ground floor
– Wood floors
– Pull down bed
– Separate kitchen with breakfast bar
– Earls Court Underground

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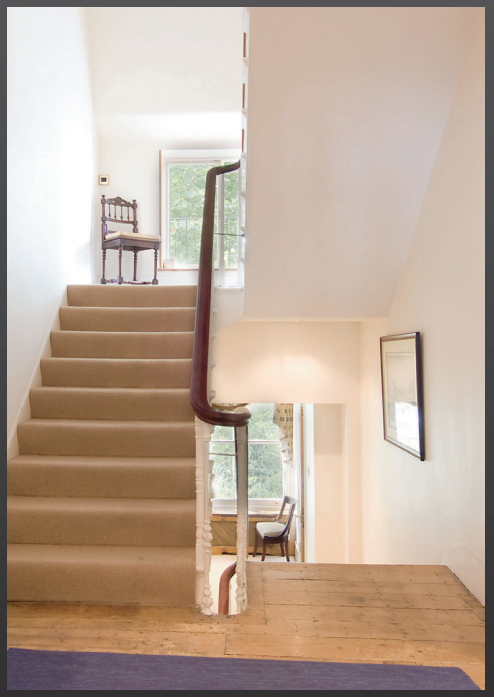
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Ground And Lower Ground Floor Flat

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Freehold | Price Guide £2,950,000



House Hunting Hassles?





London or country, search agent Louise Crichton could be the solution

Louise Crichton isn't one to shout about her reputation. Despite eleven successful years running Louise Crichton Property Search in prime central London and with a contacts book that many in the property business would kill for, she remains the soul of discretion and modesty. 'I'd rather the results speak for themselves,' she says. 'It's about getting on with the job and making my clients' lives easier.' It is this practical and business-like attitude combined with a highly personalised approach to client care that brings to her independent business a truly boutique style of service.

'I take a proactive approach', says Louise, 'I will drive the process forward for my clients; I'll find the properties, put the deal together and manage the transaction through to exchange, troubleshooting any problems on the way and keeping in close contact with all parties at all times'. Louise freely admits to burning the midnight oil at times. 'It's about going the extra mile for my clients and if that means working long hours to get the right results so be it'. She acknowledges that the good relationships she has with many agents are a vital part of her work. 'I enjoy dealing with so many different people. It is satisfying to do business with agents I have known for a while, and refreshing to work with new faces, too.'

This year Louise is diversifying her business to include searching in the Home Counties as a complement to her London work. It's a natural progression as she responds to the changing needs of existing clients. Many may have bought a first flat or family home in London with her help and are now looking to move out of the city with young families. Widening her remit is also a reflection of Louise's own tastes. 'I enjoy the buzz of searching in the capital but I am a country girl at heart. The idea of combining the work that I enjoy with spending more time in the country has great appeal.'

Her love of country pursuits and classic cars (she owns and rallies a 1966 MGB) takes her out of town regularly and brings her into increasing contact with people who express interest in having help with finding property in the country. With some of her past London clients now also enquiring if she can help with out-of-town searches it is, she says, 'The right time to say yes!' Louise will be targeting the western Home Counties with her primary focus to be the A3, M3 and M4 corridors that she already knows well.

The key to Louise Crichton Property Search is that Louise delivers a professional yet highly personalised one-to-one service – her clients deal with her and only her. It is, she says, something that she sees 'as a strength, not a weakness'. Her speciality is residential acquisitions but she also carries out rental searches and consultancy work. Much new business is built on word of mouth recommendations, often leading in turn to further referrals. Louise has acted for a diverse range of domestic and international clients since setting up in 1998 but she is adamant that confidentiality is paramount. 'I don't tell anyone about the identity of my clients, not even my family.' Louise recognises that, 'For a short while I become part of my clients' lives; they have to be comfortable with sharing information with me about their financial set up, their domestic arrangements, their likes and dislikes, so discretion is an intrinsic part of my job.' It is maybe her greatest testimony that some have become firm friends.



Louise in her beloved MGB

Louise remains optimistic that current difficult market conditions won't reduce demand for her services. 'I see it as a correcting market with increasing opportunities for my clients to buy well for the long term.' She points out that lower prices don't actually make it any easier to find a property or get a deal through. 'Supply of quality stock remains limited, and there is renewed competition out there for the good places.' If anything, she believes her role is more important than ever; not only do her contacts and pro-activity mean she can at times gain access to property not yet on the open market but she's also a tough and experienced negotiator. 'It's all about getting my clients a head start over any competition, pushing hard on prices for them and managing deals to a successful conclusion.'

It is obvious that Louise loves her job. 'I believe that if you enjoy what you do then you will deliver a better service.' By combining this clear vocation and search industry experience with her love of the countryside, her decision to now offer a Home Counties service, alongside her already established London practice, will surely prove to be the right one.

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Chasemore property



Eaton Mansions SW1 **£3,250,000 Leasehold**

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Entrance hall • reception room • dining room • kitchen/breakfast room • 3 bedrooms • en suite shower • 2 en suite bathrooms • cloakroom & porter.



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Eaton Square SW1 **£2,000,000 Leasehold**

Recently refurbished raised ground floor maisonette with private garden and access to communal garden by separate negotiation.

Entrance hall • reception room • dining room • 3 bedrooms • 2 ensuite bathrooms • shower room • kitchen • garden • porterage



Holland Park W11 **£695,000 Long Lease**

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Chelsea Lettings Directory

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Head of Lettings: Joanna Symes
Head of Sales: Andrew Scott
Company profile: Very well respected and leading UK partnership which prides itself on exceptional client service and continued repeat business.
Typical property: Smartly refurbished properties from one bedroom pied-à-terres to large family houses/apartments in Chelsea and South Kensington. Appealing to both corporates and existing Chelsea tenants.
Tips to tenant: Be prepared to act quickly once you have found the best property. Remember that there are many people in your price range searching the Chelsea market at the same time as you!
Tips to landlord: Newly refurbished and immaculately clean properties will attract the most interest and help you achieve closest to asking price or more.
Market comment: We have experienced an excellent start to 2009. The London market is incredibly busy in particular with families who would traditionally move after the Easter holidays. This year they are taking advantage of a slight softening in rental prices and moving to larger properties in more Central locations. We expect to be busy throughout the rest of the year.
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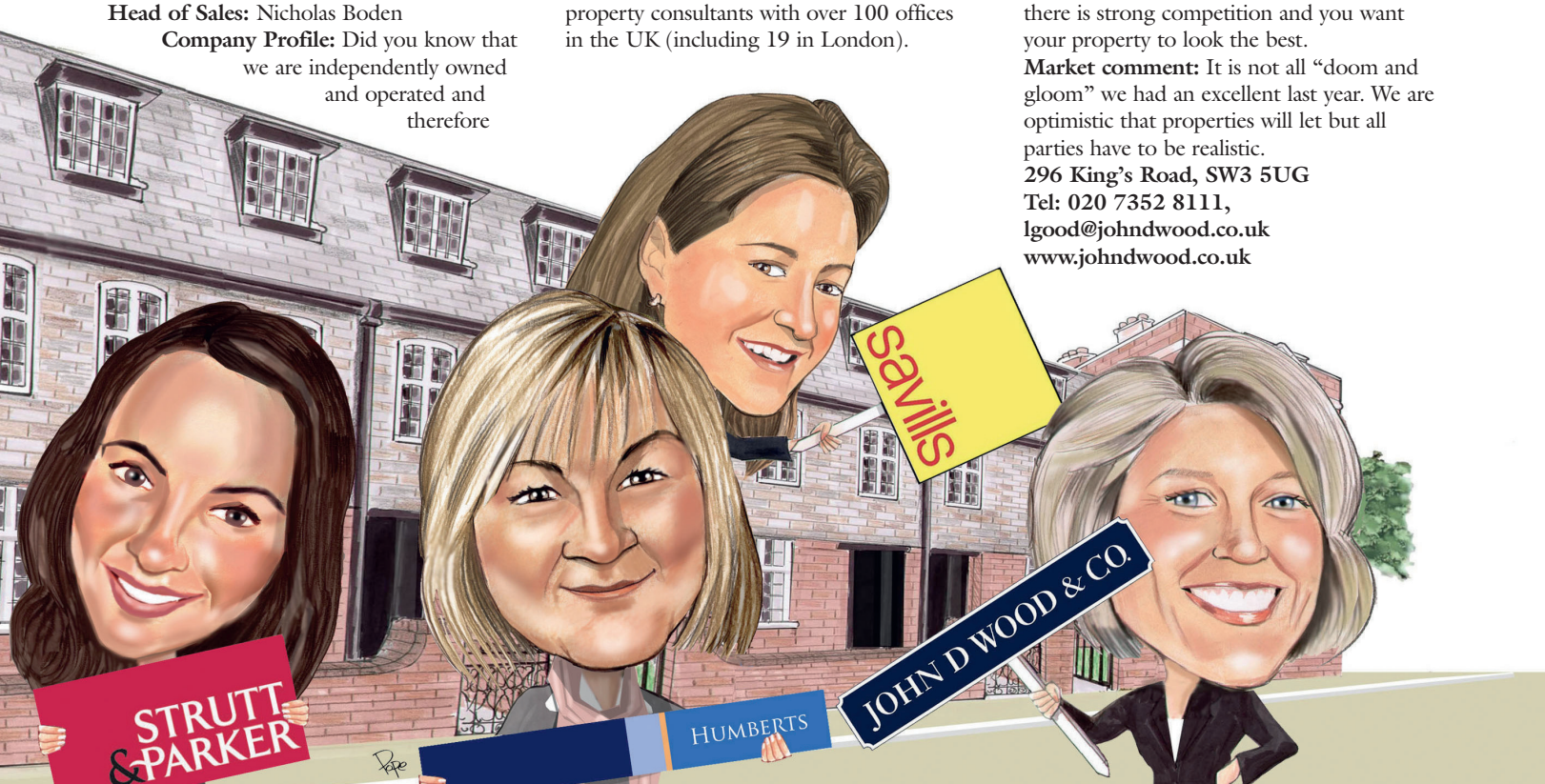
Head of Lettings: Charlotte Mellor
Head of Sales: Nicholas Boden
Company Profile: Did you know that we are independently owned and operated and therefore able to offer all our clients a bespoke property service, tailored to their specific needs whilst still being associated with 65 other offices throughout the country. We specialize in all types of property throughout the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, together with Belgravia and Knightsbridge, achieving the best results for all our clients.
Typical property: Quality properties from studios to large houses in SW3, SW1, SW7, SW5, SW10, W8 and W11 – so all of prime central London.
Tips to tenant: When you find a property you want, sign up quickly and make sure all your references are available.
Tips to landlord: Beat the competition by ensuring your property is up to a high standard, especially kitchens and bathrooms. With our own internal refurbishment department we can bring out the full potential in your property.
Market comment: Contrary to what you may have read we are extremely busy and successfully letting both apartments and houses on behalf of our Landlords. Did you know our office location provides over 60 per cent of our tenant enquiries?
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SAVILLS

Head of Lettings: Rachel Hunter
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Company profile: Leading International property consultants with over 100 offices in the UK (including 19 in London).
Typical property: Family houses and good quality flats.
Tips to tenant: Although there is a good supply of property on the market it doesn't necessarily mean that a low offer will be accepted. In many situations we have seen competitive bidding, so if you see something you like make a realistic offer or you could miss out.
Tips to landlord: Discuss the marketing strategy with your agent before bringing the property to the market, so you both have a clear way forward. If you haven't been a landlord before, use an ARLA agent to ensure you are familiar with important legislation and don't cut corners.
Market comment: We predict a busy time for lettings as both supply and demand are good. Properties that are priced correctly and refurbished to a high standard will let more quickly and risk lower void periods.
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JOHN D WOOD & CO.

Head of Lettings: Louise (Boo) Good
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Company profile: Professional staff with a pro-active approach and who aim to provide an excellent service.
Typical property: All levels from one bedrooms to larger family homes.
Tips to tenant: Be prepared with all details for referencing as this could potentially delay your move date.
Tips to landlord: Presentation is paramount there is strong competition and you want your property to look the best.
Market comment: It is not all "doom and gloom" we had an excellent last year. We are optimistic that properties will let but all parties have to be realistic.
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KNIGHT FRANK

Head of Lettings: Juliet Hill
Head of Sales: Noel Flint
Company profile: Internationally renowned property consultants. One of the most established letting agents in London, based on hard work, experience, professionalism and an ability to adapt to market trends.
Typical property: High-quality houses and flats at the top end of the market along with good core market properties.
Tips to tenant: With the large choice of properties to rent be selective about what you are viewing. There are still shortages in some sections of the market so if you find something suitable make on offer quickly.
Tips to landlord: Make sure your property is competitive in both decorative order and rental level. Be flexible and respond quickly and decisively to offers.
Market comment: The market is much busier with the number of lettings agreed up considerably year on year. However, the unusually high levels of supply has caused the rental levels to fall, with those priced above £1800 per week hit hardest.
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Head of Lettings: Mark Tunstall
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Company profile: Leading global real estate service provider that leads rather than follows and now has over 180 offices and associates worldwide. Unrivalled sector knowledge and entrepreneurial flair makes us synonymous with high-quality service and premium branding.
Typical property: Newly refurbished quality properties ranging in price from £500 to £25,000 per week.
Tips to tenant: Don't hang around if you want to secure a property: despite the recent price falls, activity is brisk and you could lose out.
Tips to landlord: With the sales market in the doldrums we're seeing lots of developers letting out their stock, so the quality of the competition is higher than ever: make sure your presentation is as good as it can possibly be.
Market comment: Prices fell more than 20 per cent from their peak in 2008 as supply burgeoned and demand from the corporate sector fell simultaneously. They now appear to be stabilizing and activity is increasing as we head into spring. The absence of any further shocking economic news should see a degree of stability return to the market after a fairly tumultuous six months.
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AYLESFORD INTERNATIONAL

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Company profile: Aylesford International is an independent firm with expertise in prime Central London residential property, in addition to a network of international offices. We offer a comprehensive, reliable and discreet service specialising in the top end of the market. Providing advice to landlords prior to finding a tenant as well as a full management service. We are also members of ARLA.
Typical property: This ranges from two bedroom properties to five bedroom + family houses in Central London.
Tips to tenant: With the increase in properties available tenants have more choice, however they should still ensure that they are ready to move quickly when they find their ideal home. Because landlords are being more flexible on the rents, there is more competition from other tenants and the good properties will rent quickly.
Tips to landlord: Presentation is still very important to ensure that your property stands out from the crowd and be prepared to negotiate on rents if you are able to secure a full year's tenancy with no break clauses. In this market I would advise on not including options to renew so the rent can be re-assessed in year two to take account of the then current market conditions.
Market comment: This year has seen a complete reversal from previous years with many more properties available to rent. Most have come from 'reluctant landlords' who would prefer to sell and therefore are renting for the short-term. Renting is a complex business and new landlords need advising as to their responsibilities which in many cases means financial investment (ie: painting, safety checks etc). We have seen an increase in tenants since January at all levels of the market, although it is fair to say that the prices have fallen by around 20 per cent due to the increase of new properties on the market.
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CHESTERTON

Head of Sales and Lettings: Giles Cook
Company profile: Chesterton, which was first established in 1805, has joined forces with Humberts which itself was established in 1842, to create a new national and international company with over 350 years experience in the property market. This will give Chesterton clients access to a new range of potential buyers who are looking for property in the UK alongside our existing London and International client base.
Typical property: All properties from small flats to large family houses across Chelsea, Knightsbridge and South Kensington.
Tips to tenant: Despite the increased availability of stock tenants still need to be decisive and not always think there is something better out there by waiting. Tenants may end up settling for second best.
Tips to landlord: Flexibility on furniture and



timeframes are key to a successful letting, coupled with a realistic price, otherwise you will lose out to your competitors. Never chase the market, be ahead of the game.
Market comment: Since we relocated to our new flagship office on Sloane Avenue in early January, we have experienced a massive increase in the number of both sales and lettings enquiries. So far this year we have agreed a record number of offers on high quality properties at competitive prices. With the sales market continuing to slow lettings is destined to hog the limelight in 2009.
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Company profile: Douglas & Gordon is an independent and well established estate agency with 16 central and south-west London offices offering unrivalled experience. We are renowned in the industry for our innovative marketing campaigns and work closely with one of London's leading advertising agencies to ensure that our literature and visual identity reflects the quality of our service.
Typical property: Good quality one bedroom flats from £400 per week to large four/five bedroom family houses at £2,000/£5,000 per week.
Tips to tenant: If you see a property you like act quickly, chances are someone else will like it too! If you like something above your price range consider offering a longer tenancy to persuade the Landlord to be flexible.
Tips to landlord: Remember your property needs to beat the competition as tenants have choice. If your property needs doing up then this is the time to do it, tired properties are sitting on the market. Expect some negotiation on the price but it is advisable to market your property at an asking price which is close to the rent you hope to achieve.
Market comment: There is a lot of property on the market however good quality properties in a good location will always let more easily. There is a steady flow of applicants but they are expecting value for their money.
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MARSH & PARSONS

Head of Lettings: Giles Barrett
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Company profile: An established, forward thinking estate agency with 15 offices in central, west and south London. Offering a compelling blend of traditional service, innovative marketing and a modern attitude.
Typical property: Centrally located Chelsea properties. From studio apartments to large family houses as well as a range of high quality properties for short-term rental and serviced apartments/suites.
Tips to tenant: The green shoots of recovery on the sales side of the market means that there will not be as much property available this year. As a consequence, we predict that prices will not fall any further and that they will actually start to rise again. The advice to tenants is to get ahead of the game in order to take advantage of what we expect to be the last few months of a 'tenants' market.
Tips to landlord: The ultimate position a landlord can be in is to offer their property on a furnished or unfurnished basis, as it will automatically appeal to all applicants looking for that size of property. Coupled with this flexibility, a property which is clean, bright and well looked after lets rapidly, thus eliminating vacancy periods.
Market comment: 2009 will see an improvement in market conditions for landlords thanks to a decreased supply of properties coming to the market. Prices will not swing back overnight, however, tenants will increasingly find that the low level deals they have come to expect will become the exception rather than the rule.
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FARRAR

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Company profile: A well respected, local and independent company whose lettings team has over 60 years combined experience. Centrally located on the Fulham Road to offer our experience, expertise and service to our clients in Knightsbridge, Kensington, Chelsea, Earls Court, Fulham and Battersea
Typical property: A range of good quality properties from studios to family houses.
Tips to tenant: Trust your instincts in choosing the agent you feel will help you find the right property. Work closely with them until you find your perfect home, and be ready to make prompt decisions.
Tips to landlord: In the current climate, flexibility with respect to the rental level and terms offered is crucial. With more properties available, competition is fierce. Presentation is of paramount importance to ensure your property is at the top of the list!
Market comment: With rental prices having decreased due to the vast choice of available property, the lettings market continues to be buoyant with properties now being marketed at realistic levels. The outlook is positive.
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W.A.ELLIS

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Head of Sales: Houses– Andrew McGillivray Flats – Daniel Wiggin; Development and Investment: Mark MacKenzie-Charrington.
Company profile: Independent agency established in 1868 covering all aspects of residential property in central London.
Typical property: All property types ranging from studios at £200pw up to substantial family houses in excess of £20,000pw
Tips to tenant: Rents are being priced competitively, so offer sensibly so as to secure your preferred property.
Tips to landlord: Present your property in perfect order and first-class condition to maximise its letting.
Market comment: Rents have fallen and are now priced competitively. The market is very busy and good properties are letting fast.
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STRUTT & PARKER

Head of Lettings: Sophie McCarter
Head of Sales: Charlie Willis
Company profile: Strutt and Parker is a very well respected and leading UK partnership which prides itself on exceptional client service and continued repeat business.
Typical property: Quality properties from large family houses and spacious flats to immaculate mews houses and quirky studio flats in Knightsbridge, Belgravia and Mayfair.
Tips to tenant: Competition is still high for the best properties, so if you find 'the one' be decisive and don't dither, someone else is always hot on your heels.
Tips to landlord: In this highly competitive market listen to your agents advice. It's all about presentation, price and the performance of your agent.
Market comment: The start of 2009 has been surprisingly hectic. Indeed rental prices have to some extent softened since this time last year, but the smart landlords realize that a longer void period or a poor quality Tenant can often be more costly than an 10 per cent decrease in rent. With our newly expanded team in central London we have more property to offer in both divisions and expect to be rushed off our feet.
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RUSSELL SIMPSON

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Company profile: A privately owned company established 30 years ago by Alan Russell. Russell Simpson offer substantial knowledge and expertise on buying, selling and renting property in central London whilst maintaining a reputation earned for providing a personal, discreet and efficient service.
Typical property: One bedroom flats through to substantial family houses.
Tips to tenant: Despite many landlords being more open to reduced offers in the current market, avoid making unrealistic offers if you really want the property.
Tips to Landlord: With an excess of stock on the market the competition is tough – take advice from your agent with regard to redecoration and pricing to give the property the best possible chance in the market place.
Market comment: We have seen supply outweighing demand with a number of properties coming onto the market which landlords have been unable to sell. The good quality properties are still letting quickly and we hope to see more tenants returning to the market as the year progresses.
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CLUTTONS

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Company profile: Cluttons is a limited liability partnership of chartered surveyors, founded in 1765. Although proud of our long history, we are a forward-looking, dynamic and diverse business. Through our network of offices in the UK, Europe, Middle East, South Africa and the Caribbean, we offer a wide range of professional property management, agency and consultancy services across the commercial and residential sectors, for both investors and occupiers.
Typical property: Ranges from a pied-à-terre studio to a large family house.
Tips to tenant: Whilst prices have dropped in the last twelve months, properties on the market are appropriately priced for now. Move quickly to secure your perfect property and consider this when making your offer.
Tips to landlord: This is a very competitive market for landlords. Presentation is key - properties in excellent decorative order will let quickly. Price competitively, listen to your agent's advice in order to help you achieve the best return with minimum void period.
Market comment: We have seen a very busy start to the year. With a soft sales market at present we predict this continuing in 2009.
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FRIEND & FALCKE

Head of Lettings: Emma Tilby
Company profile: An independent firm established in 1959 specialising in residential property with a track record of achieving record rental prices in some Chelsea streets.
Typical property: Anything from a studio pied-à-terre to big family houses.
Tips to tenant: Make sure you advise your agent of your actual budget rather than assuming that all properties are hugely negotiable. They will then be able to steer you



towards the properties that are available.
Tips to landlord: Make sure the property is presented at its best. With so many properties for tenants to choose from, you need to make sure yours stands out. Pricing is key, so make sure your agent is aware of the terms that would be acceptable to you.
Market comment: The lettings market is certainly not as bad as the doom and gloom mongers might have you believe! We've had a really strong start to the year. If the properties are priced correctly, they will let!
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HLR

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Company profile: Established in 1986, HLR's ethos is to offer an excellent professional and personal service, building long-term working relationships to advise clients in all aspects of their property, be it their private residence, rental investment, property portfolio or development.
Typical property: Good-quality flats and houses from £500 per week upwards.
Tips to tenant: Take advice from the agent that the prices are correct and do not expect to be able to find amazing bargains in this competitive market. Be prepared with necessary information for references to speed up the process of completing the letting.
Tips to landlord: Take your agents advice on a realistic asking price which reflects the current market and ensure that the property is presented in excellent order.
Market comment: Although 2008 was extremely busy with many new lettings being agreed, by the end of the year the market was quieter due to the downturn in the world-wide financial situation. Since the beginning of 2009 we have been very busy to the extent that supply is being outreached by demand. Although the rental levels being agreed are in the region of 10 per cent lower than at the same time last year, we are aware of a buoyant market which shows no sign of decline as long as landlords and tenants remain realistic.
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Head of Sales: Gaynor Davies
Company profile: Originally a family owned business. Our dominant position on Lower Sloane Street is ideally placed to cover Chelsea and Belgravia and we are also prominent in South Kensington, Knightsbridge and the West End. We have an experienced team of ARLA trained negotiators who pride themselves in providing an efficient and personal service.
Typical property: From studios at £250pw up to large family houses at £4,500pw.
Tips to tenant: Be honest with your negotiator about what you like and dislike and feel free to describe your ideal home. When you see a property you like, take it! Be prepared with your references and be aware of the initial costs that maybe incurred.
Tips to landlord: Use an ARLA registered agent with good reputation and who offer an all round and efficient service. Well presented properties are easier to rent and do not remain on the market for so long. Be as flexible as you can be with regards to furniture in order to broaden your market. Ask the agent for any advice in order to maximise rental income.
Market comment: The start of 2009 has shown promising signs with more applicants actively looking. Rental values have decreased by on average 15 per cent and we are seeing reductions in rent when tenancies renew. Due to the level of stock on the Market applicants are seeking 'bargain' opportunities and therefore landlords need to be realistic with the price that the property is marketed at. The majority of applicants currently looking seek 1-2 bedroom properties at under £600pw.
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Lettings Tel: 020 7730 8682
Sales Tel: 020 7730 8762
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HARPERS & HARRISON

Head of Lettings: Catherine O'Hagan
Head of Sales: Marie Harrison
Company profile: An independently owned boutique style agency covering prime areas of the Capital. Operated by an experienced and committed team, offering a personal service. Services include sales, rentals, property management and acquisitions.
Typical property: From one-bed flats at £400pw to large houses at £5,000 pw+.
Tips to tenant: It is a tenant's market at present, but do bear in mind that many asking rents have already been reduced to reflect market conditions, so do not tender hugely unrealistic offers. If you see a property to suit act quickly, as there are many others searching whilst the market is in their favour.
Tips to landlord: Keep in tune with the market and listen to your agent. A slightly lower rent than anticipated is better than none at all. We have always advised that properties should be presented in excellent condition but in the current climate this is absolutely essential. Be prepared to be flexible, perhaps accept shorter terms. Consider renewal clauses carefully.
Market comment: The past few months have seen rents take a dive as landlords have adjusted to market conditions. This has led to increased activity as many people already in rented property seize the opportunity to make a change for the better. The majority of properties on the market are now sensibly priced. Understandably however there has been resistance from Landlords to commit to renewal options with built-in rent increases. In more stable times landlords were happy to commit to two or three years.
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Company profile: Farleys has been a leading agent in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea for over 100 years. Our strength in a highly competitive residential market is to give a professional service combined with a personal and friendly approach. With our experience, enthusiasm and local knowledge, Farleys will help you make the right choice.
Typical property: Our properties range from contemporary style studio flats to stylish family houses and larger newly refurbished flats/maisonettes.
Tips to tenant: Make sure you deal with an ARLA agent who complies with Best Practice regulations and is a member of the Tenancy Deposit Scheme.
Tips to landlord: Make sure your property is presented in the best condition at the start of marketing your property as competition is fierce and tenants have considerably more choice than they had 12 months ago.
Market comment: We've seen a very start to 2009 with tenants looking on average at five-10 properties before making a decision. Therefore, landlords need to be quick to make decisions and flexible on pricing.
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info@farleysresidential.co.uk

ANDRÉ LANAUVRE

Head of Lettings: Janie André
Head of Sales: Philip Hillier
Company profile: Independent agent for over 20 years specialising in offering a comprehensive service ton all aspects of the London housing market. We have established a reputation over the years of successfully finding properties for high-net worth clients who are short of time and looking for the best in both sales and rentals.
Typical property: We offer a wide spectrum of properties for discerning clientele in prime Central London. We also specialise in international markets like Manhattan, the Caribbean, France, and Italy.
Tips to tenant: Be sensible about your budget, do not think that each and every Landlord will accept offers far below the asking price, the majority of them are fully au fait with the market and have priced their property accordingly.
Tips to landlords: Make sure the flat is as bright and clean as possible, contemporary style has the broadest appeal and price the property at a competitive rate.
Market comment: The rental market is in constant flux, the supply of property outweighs demand and landlords must be prepared to negotiate the rent for a tenant that will offer a secure income during these turbulent times. The demand for sales is quite buoyant but both parties must be prepared to meet in the middle.
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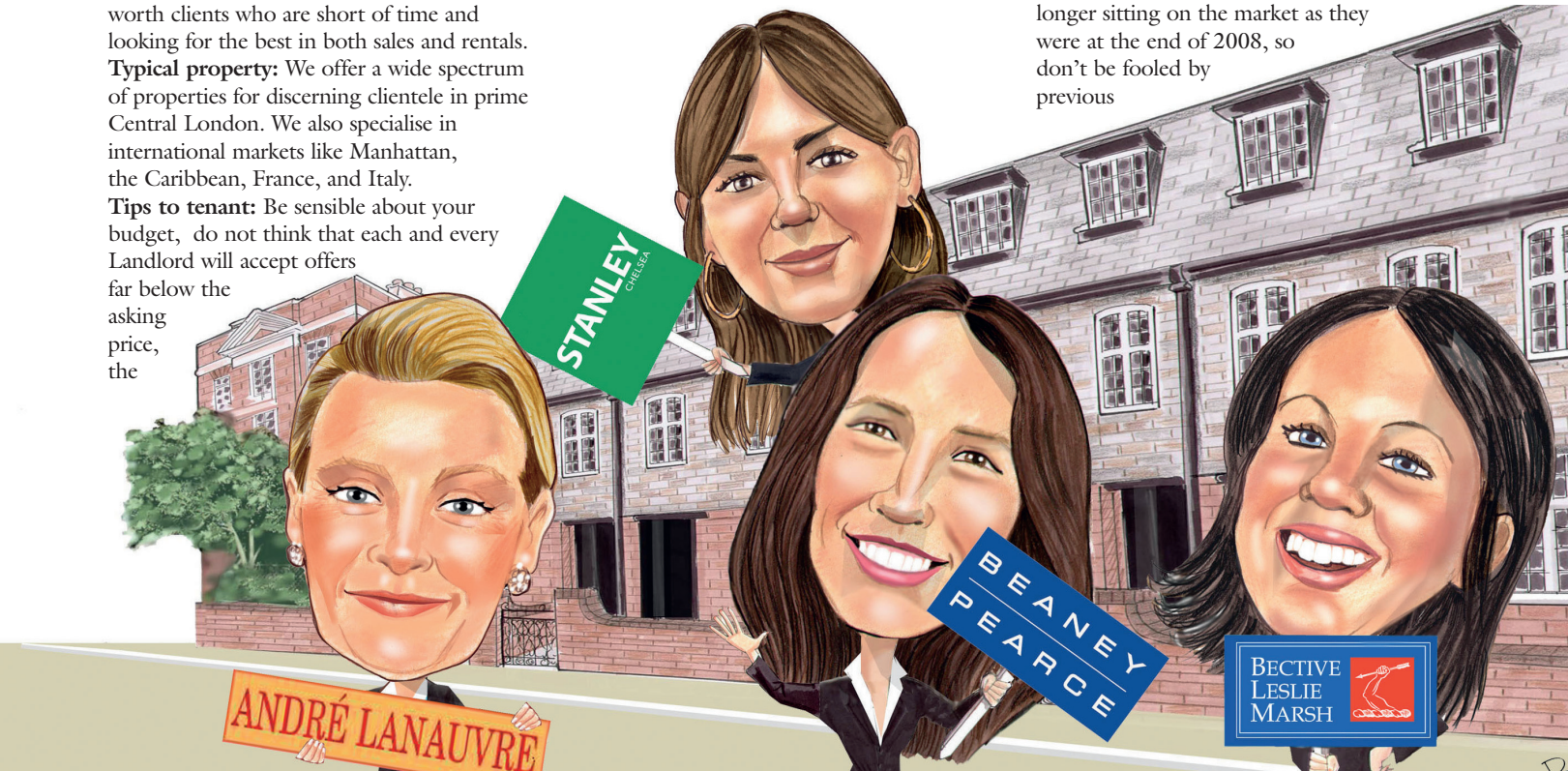
Head of Lettings: Alison Franks
Head of Sales: Patrick Bullick
Company profile: A small company who punch above their weight. They have recently moved to lovely new offices at; 8 Milner Street, SW3 2PU.
Typical property: Anything in Kensington & Chelsea and Knightsbridge & Belgravia.
Tips to tenant: By all means negotiate but be careful not to insult your future landlord!
Tips to landlord: There is plenty of competition so, to get a good tenant, be pragmatic.
Market comment: Because of the outflow of overseas tenants, and some sales properties on the lettings market, rents have come down recently. However, they are stabilizing now.
8 Milner Street, SW3 2PU
www.stanleychelsea.co.uk
Tel: 020 7352 9556

BEANEY PEARCE

Head of Lettings: Gemma Corr
Head of Sales: Henry Smith
Company profile: Beaney Pearce is a well established name in K&C who specialise in the unique market of this area. All of our negotiators are experienced, ARLA qualified and passionate about property.
Typical property: Modern apartments in new developments with porters and parking and stylish period properties from studios to large family houses.
Tips to tenant: Headlines are written to sell papers; the economy is difficult but the property you are interested in may well be in demand, so be prepared to pay what it is worth to you.
Tips to landlord: It is crucial that you instruct an agent that you can trust, not only to be honest with you but one who will also ensure that your long term interests are best served.
Market comment: The lettings market is very busy albeit challenging so far in 2009. Rents are unlikely to come down, but the competition will improve the standard of property available.
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BECTIVE LESLIE MARSH

Head of Lettings: Kate Flynn
Head of Sales: Andrew Everill
Company profile: Bective Leslie Marsh have six offices in central and west London. The company deals with sales, both long and short lets, commercial, residential and international properties.
Typical property: Flats and houses from £400,000 – £10m+
Tips to tenant: Rental properties are no longer sitting on the market as they were at the end of 2008, so don't be fooled by previous



market conditions. There are lots of applicants motivated to move and you will lose out to these people, so act quickly when you see a good property to avoid disappointment.
Tips to landlord: Make sure that your property represents value for money compared to the competition. Your agent will be able to give you comparable properties to help you with this when advising you on pricing. Quality is still key when presenting your property, immaculate flats rent faster
Market comment: Well presented properties are renting quickly, with applicants registering in far greater numbers. Prospective tenants are focused in their searches, so those still dithering will be bound to lose out! Last years back log of property has now cleared, so it's a great time to bring your property to the market.
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HENRY & JAMES

Head of Lettings: Dairin (Garnier) Moukarzel
Head of Sales: Mr James Bailey
Company profile: One of London's finest estate agencies with over fifty years experience in Belgravia, Chelsea, Knightsbridge, Mayfair, South Kensington.
Typical property: Furnished, high-quality one beds to family apartments and houses. .
Tips to tenant: Trust your agent to find the right property for you.
Tips to landlord: Use an experienced ARLA qualified agent.
Market comment: Pro-active agents will find the right property for their applicants.
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MARTIN & CO

Head of Lettings: Michael Vyver
Company profile: Corporate lettings Specialists & part of the largest letting agent in the UK with over 150 offices since 1985. Our Kensington and Chelsea office has an experienced and professional team that excels in lettings and the management of property across central London with a friendly 'can do' attitude at all times. We can also boast the highest accreditations in the lettings sector being members of ARLA & NALS.
Typical property: Apartments in portered, private and riverside developments.
Tips to tenant: Be prepared to compromise. Remember you are renting not buying, if you don't like it you can always move!
Tips to landlord: List with a maximum of two or three agents. Price according to agents advice and see what competition your property is up against. Use the agents knowledge and experience as you are paying for it at the end of the day. Be flexible of furniture, price and terms of contract. Treat your tenant as you would wish to be treated and you will have a long and happy tenancy!
Market comment: Due to the obvious financial crisis we all need to find the new level and learn to accept it. Lettings will thrive provided good service is maintained by agents/landlords & greed does not get in the way. The market has changed so change with it or you will get left behind!
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HARRODS ESTATES

Head of Lettings: Karen Boland
Head of Sales: Shaun Drummond
Company Profile: Specializing in prime residential properties in London and the Home Counties. Our position within Harrods group gives us our global brand, and Russian and Middle Eastern negotiators provide clients with a bespoke service.
Typical property: A range of properties from studios to penthouses, country estates and new developments.
Tips to tenant: Rents have been adjusted to the current market, so don't miss out by making very low offers.
Tips to landlord: Have confidence in your agent! Take advice about price and presentation to make sure your property is not left on the shelf.
Market comment: We have seen the best quarter for several years, albeit at reduced rents. Hopefully we will see a growth in rental values especially in the 'cushioned' areas of Chelsea, Knightsbridge and Mayfair.
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PATTERSON BOWE

Head of Lettings: Stuart Patterson and Allister Bowe
Head of Sales: Stuart Patterson and Allister Bowe
Company profile: Strong independent agent recently renamed from old agency now in new premises.
Typical property: Top-end flats and houses throughout Chelsea and Knightsbridge.
Tips to tenant: Treat your property as if it was your own.
Tips to landlord: Be realistic on price in this market and avoid voids if possible.
Market comment: Rents to continue to reflect the housing market generally.
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Just like STANLEY Chelsea, the Government is trying to help ease the pain of the recession.

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Historically low interest rates are wonderful for property owners who have tracker mortgages and partly because of this we are seeing very few distressed sales. People are, either not putting their properties on the market at all, or are holding out for higher prices than purchasers are willing to pay.

At STANLEY Chelsea we have plenty of willing purchasers who are happy to buy provided they get a significant reduction from the peak prices.

Currently, sales are going through at an average of 25–30% off prices achieved at the peak of the market eighteen months ago i.e. in the summer of 2007.

For over a year now I have been predicting that prices would bottom out in the first half of 2009. We can never be sure, and prices might grind along the bottom for some time, however there are definitely signs that they are stabilising.

In part this could be because people needing an income are seeking a safe home for their capital. The old expression 'safe as houses' may be making a comeback!

Interest on bank deposits is pathetic and although dividends on equities are higher than they were, investors are nervous that share prices themselves are unstable.

Central London rents have fallen but relative to other investments look reasonable and with prices having dropped so much, residential property is beginning to look attractive. Overseas investors who further benefit from our weak pound certainly seem to think so.

Oh, and because I cannot resist being political, Go Gordon Go…

Patrick Bullick,
Managing Director
of STANLEY Chelsea.

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Agent speaks:

Shaun Drummond
Residential sales manager
Harrods Estates

As global interest rates hit an all time low, the high-net worth community around the world is looking for an investment sector that offers a lower risk strategy and longer-term gains. Although the property market has taken an undeniably hard hit, there are certain locations which will always weather the economic storm better than others, and London's prime central market is most definitely one of them.

With over 80 per cent of Harrods Estates total sales now made to overseas purchasers, it is hard to ignore the impact of international funding on the prime central London market. The weakened sterling and the precarious fluctuations on the stock market are encouraging cash-rich international buyers towards the relative value for money and investment security of London's statement addresses.

It is hard to ignore the impact of international funding

From the ultra-luxury apartments and penthouses in some of the capital's finest developments to the grand stuccoed houses that surround Hyde Park and line the Royal Borough leafy squares, Harrods Estates' international buyers know what they want and where. Belgravia, Chelsea, Knightsbridge and Mayfair still remain the most sought after addresses.

With this in mind, London's prime real estate represents a much sounder investment than many. Buyers from Russia, the Middle East and Central Asia remain Harrods Estates' biggest clients although we are also experiencing an increase in Eurozone enquiries since the beginning of the year.

With the number of international buyers set to increase, and the variety of nationalities broaden, agents must be willing to adapt and enhance their skills when it comes to understanding the requirements, preferences and idiosyncrasies of different groups of international buyers and investors. British buyers will be back, but for the foreseeable future we must embrace foreign investment as a positive reality in the current market.

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Argyll Road, W8
An imposing four storey, stucco-fronted townhouse with 62ft garden.
Entrance hall, dining room, drawing room, conservatory, sitting room, kitchen/breakfast room, master bedroom with en suite bathroom, four additional bedrooms, three additional bathrooms, utility room, guest cloakroom, stores and vault.
Price On Application, freehold
Harrods Estates or JSA Russell Simpson



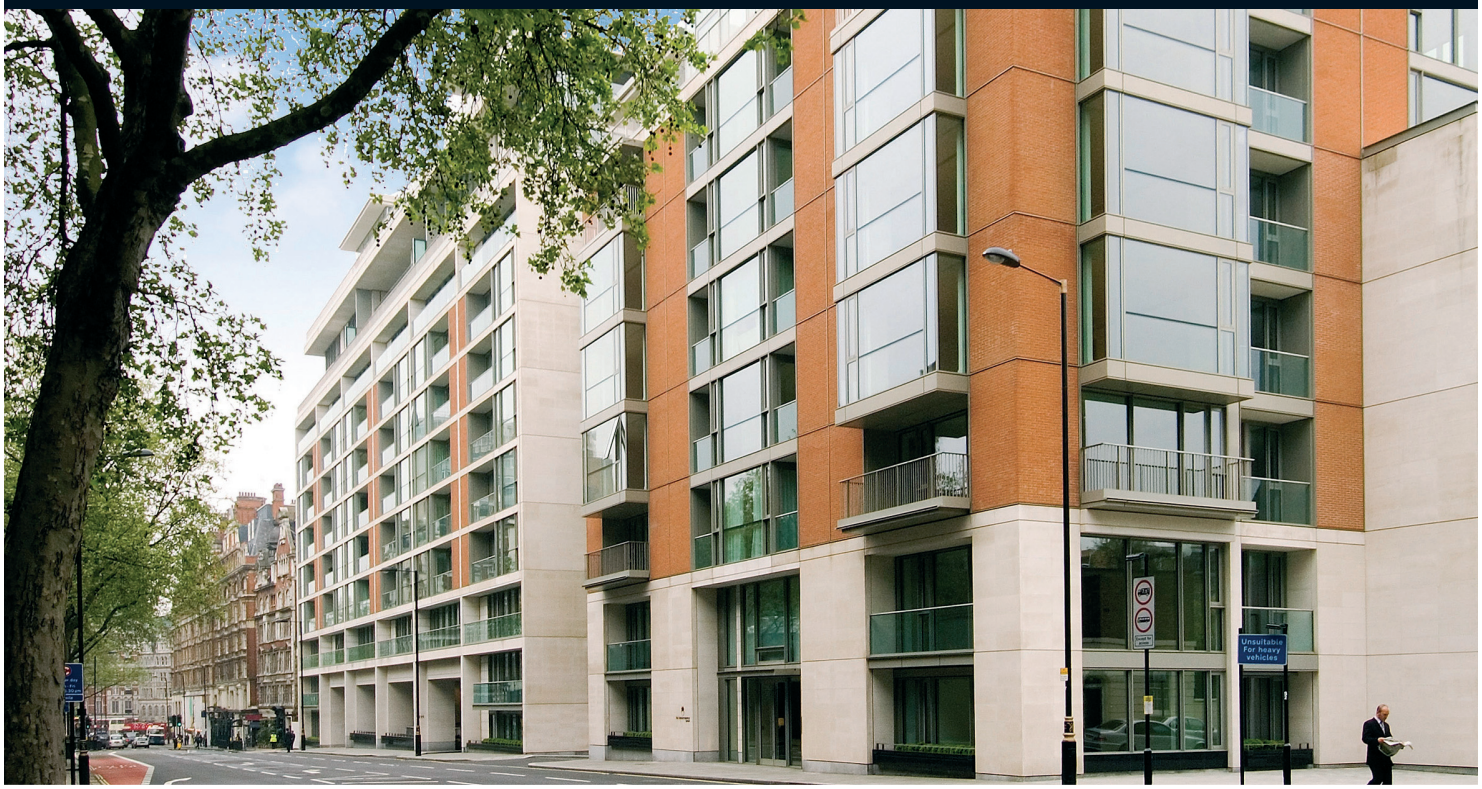
Parkside, SW1
A 2,443sqft family apartment in an iconic K&C building overlooking Hyde Park.
Three reception rooms, kitchen/breakfast room, four bedrooms, four bathrooms, 24-hour porterage and security.
£4.25m, share of freehold



Albert Hall Mansions, SW7
A spacious duplex apartment in this popular mansion block with a statement, modern interior.
Entrance hall reception room, dining room, study, family room, kitchen/breakfast room, master bedroom suite, four further double bedrooms, three en suite shower rooms, 24-hour porterage and security.
£7.4m, leasehold



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West Mews, The Knightsbridge Apartments, SW7

A stunning 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom, mews house (1,217 sq. ft. / 113 sq. m.) on 2 levels which has been interior designed in a contemporary classic style. Discreetly located in this exclusive development, the property is accessed via a landscaped courtyard and may also be entered via Raphael street. The Knightsbridge boasts impressive reception areas, a landscaped communal garden, 24 hour concierge managed by Hyatt International, 24 hour security, world class leisure suite, spa & swimming pool, business suite and valet parking. The property also includes an underground parking space, a separate storage area and also benefits from a private roof terrace.

Share of Freehold

Price: £3,250,000

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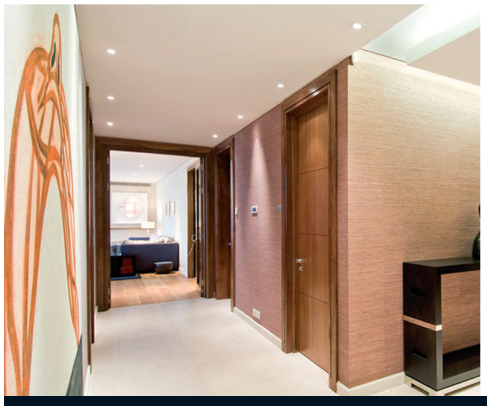
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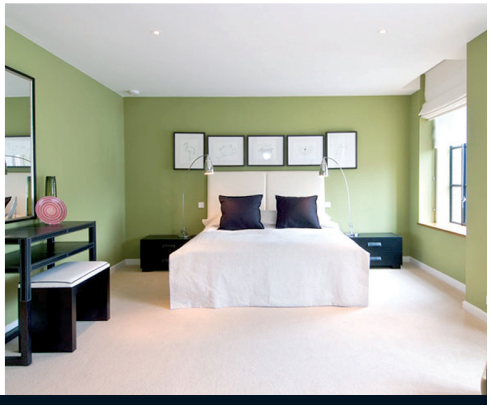
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Trevor Square SW7

This fabulous lateral 3 bedroom 3 bathroom apartment (2100sq.ft/195sq.m) benefits from nine windows overlooking Trevor Place and Trevor Square and was interior designed in a contemporary modern style. 17-22 Trevor Square is one of the most prestigious portered residential blocks in Knightsbridge and has been redeveloped from the old Harrods Depository in 2003, providing 24hr concierge, security and above ground covered parking.

Leasehold: 996 years
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Price: £5,850,000

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Hans Crescent, Knightsbridge, SW1

Superbly located on this famous crescent between Harrods and Sloane Street, this 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom apartment is on the second floor of this small discreet purpose-built block with daily porterage, security and lift. The property has been totally refurbished to a high specification including air-conditioning, electric blinds and a built-in stereo/plasma TV system and benefits from superb views facing West and a small balcony opening from the reception room.

Leasehold: 995 years

Price: £1,850,000

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Redcliffe Square, SW10

A stunning, rare to the market, 9 bedroom family house of approx 7600 sq. ft., bordering The Little Boltons with an 80 foot lawned garden, parking and lift. Accommodation comprises: large eat in kitchen with access to garden, family room, guest cloakroom, wine cellar, one bedroom staff flat, reception room with access to terrace, dining room, library, guest cloakroom, master suite with two ensuite bathrooms, dressing room & study, guest suite with ensuite bathroom and dressing room, 6 further bedrooms, 5 further bathrooms, playroom / family room and on the top floor an eat-in kitchen and excellent storage.

Price: £11,000pw

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Kensington Park Road, W11

A stunning newly refurbished house of 2700 sq ft approx, complete with Crestron system, multiroom AV and audio, under floor heating and smoked oak flooring. Accommodation comprises formal reception room, open plan kitchen / family room leading to lawned garden, guest cloakroom, two double bedrooms with ensuite shower rooms, master bedroom with ensuite bathroom, and studio room / office at the top of the house with access to a decked terrace. Available immediately on a furnished or unfurnished basis for long term let.

Price: £3,300pw

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Brompton Square, London SW3

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Unfurnished £4,250 Per Week



Manresa Road, London SW3

A newly refurbished low built house (2,906 sq ft) with the benefit of a decked terrace and a private garage. Manresa Road is conveniently situated just off King's Road.

6 Bedrooms • 2 Bathrooms • 2 Shower Rooms • Drawing Room Kitchen/Dining Room/Family Room • Guest Cloakroom • Terrace Garage • Off Street Parking

Furnished/Unfurnished £3,750 Per Week



King's Road, London SW10

A highly sought apartment with a private balcony in this secure and well maintained development.

4 Double Bedrooms • 3 Bathrooms • Shower Room • Reception Room • Dining Room/Bedroom 5 • Kitchen/Breakfast Room Utility Room • Lift • Balcony • Communal Gardens • Swimming Pool • Gymnasium • Underground Parking • Porter & 24hr Security

Unfurnished £2,800 Per Week



Regents Bridge Gardens, London SW8

An exceptional and unusual house (4,500 sq ft) located in a secure gated development close to the river.

4 Bedrooms • 3 Bathrooms • Shower Room • Drawing Room Dining Room/Family Room • Kitchen • Guest Cloakroom • Utility Room • Conservatory • Courtyard Garden • Off Street Parking Access To Swimming Pool and Gymnasium • Porter

Unfurnished £2,250 Per Week

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Smith Street, London SW3

A magnificent Grade II Listed Georgian house, in the heart of Chelsea. Considerably larger than the other houses in the street, the property benefits from staff accommodation, a west facing terrace and a secluded patio garden.

5 Reception Rooms • 5 Bedrooms • 2 Bathrooms • Shower Room • Kitchen/Breakfast Room • Garden Room • 2 Cloakrooms • Laundry Room • Patio Garden • 2 Terraces

Freehold

£6,850,000 STC

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Cadogan Place, SW1

£650 p.w | Furnished

A charming, well proportioned first floor apartment offering modern living space with beautiful balcony views over Cadogan Place Gardens. The property is ideally located near to both Sloane Square and Knightsbridge.

Reception room, Kitchen, Double bedroom, Resident caretaker.



Wilton Crescent, SW1

£1,500 p.w | Furnished

This newly refurbished maisonette has been finished to a high standard, benefiting from light spacious rooms, high ceilings and a rare rental market location.

Reception room, Kitchen/breakfast room, Two double bedrooms, Two single bedrooms, Two bathrooms.

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Chester Square, SW1

£2,500,000 | Leasehold

A light triple aspect family maisonette (1,442 sq/ft / 134 sq m) arranged over the first, second and third floors of this elegant stucco-fronted period building on the corner of Elizabeth Street.

The property has been beautifully modernised to incorporate ease of living, it benefits from cutting edge technology, a private street entrance and a great location, only a short walk from Sloane Square.

Reception room/kitchen, Four double bedrooms, Bathroom, Shower room, Guests' WC.

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£415,000 STC

Share of Freehold

Approx: 504 sq ft/ 46.82 sq m.

PARK WALK, SW10

A very appealing fourth floor (no lift) two bedroom flat in a smart period red brick mansion block. The flat enjoys excellent natural light and far reaching views and would make an ideal pied a terre or first time purchase.



£550,000 STC

Share of Freehold

Approx: 842 sq ft/ 78.22 sq m.

EDITH GROVE, SW10

An immaculately presented and well-proportioned property, cleverly configured to give the impression of living in your own 'little house' in the upper reaches of this well maintained, period building.



£995,000 STC

Share of Freehold

Approx: 915 sq ft/ 85 sq m.

REDCLIFFE MEWS, SW10

A lovely, well presented two bedroom mews maisonette with a wonderful south-west facing garden and a shared private garage with space for one car. Redcliffe Mews is located off Harcourt Terrace.



£575,950 STC

Share of Freehold

Approx: 564 sq ft/ 52 sq m.

HARCOURT TERRACE, SW10

An utterly charming one bedroom first floor flat with private west-facing roof terrace. With good proportions and high ceilings the flat has been fully refurbished, well maintained and could be moved into without further expense.



£925,000 STC

Freehold

Approx: 1,263 sq ft/ 117.33 sq m.

BILLING STREET, SW10

This is a pretty and spacious two bedroom freehold cottage in a popular barriered enclave situated just off the Fulham Road. The property has the charm of a country cottage and whilst having been well maintained, it could now benefit from some further cosmetic refurbishment.



£325,000 STC

Leasehold

Approx: 437 sq ft/ 40.60 sq m.

ELM PARK GARDENS, SW10

A very attractive studio flat situated on the raised ground floor of a converted period building. The flat benefits from having a studio room with wooden flooring and French doors giving access to an ornamental balcony overlooking the communal gardens.





£850,000 STC

Leasehold

Approx: 1,129 sq ft/ 104.88 sq m.

KING'S ROAD, SW10

A superb 2/3 bedroom upper maisonette, entered at first floor level and situated predominantly over the second and third floor of this well appointed building. Designed by our client, an architect, the flat has been stylised in a wonderful contemporary manner with open plan living accommodation and absolute attention to detail in every respect. The flat also benefits from a stunning private roof terrace.





£865,000 TC

Share of Freehold

Approx: 1,333 sq ft/ 124 sq m.

BEAUFORT STREET, SW3

A charming and spacious two bedroom garden maisonette. Having recently been refurbished the property is presented in excellent order. There is also a pretty west facing garden. The property is situated on the preferred northern section of Beaufort Street, moments from "The Beach" along the Fulham Road.

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£950,000 STC

Leasehold

Approx: 1,498 sq ft/ 139 sq m.

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Holland Park | W11

A fine detached Grade II listed Villa in the Italianate style, with a white stucco, part-rusticated facade, embellished internally by particularly rich cornice-works, dating from 1862. With accommodation running to an impressive 9,560 sq ft, currently arranged as flats, this imposing property is offered with the benefit of planning consent to reinstate as a single house, adding a swimming pool and ballroom, taking the size up to 11,285 sq ft., creating a real Trophy House.

Fine original architectural features have been retained; outside fine Doric columns supporting a cast iron glazed canopy whilst within, shutters, fireplaces remain and pair of magnificent Corinthian columns graces the drawing room. The proportions and volume of the house combine to offer a truly grand feel that will be hard to match.

AS A SINGLE HOUSE THE ACCOMODATION MIGHT COMPRISE:
9 Bedroom Suites • 8 Bathrooms • 7 Reception Rooms • Lift •Two Kitchens • Two Staff Flats • Lap Pool • Ballroom/Gym • Private Garden • Fine Fireplaces • Other Fine Period Features

Existing Area: 9,560 ft² / 888 m²
Approximate Proposed Area: 11,285 ft² / 1,048 m²

Freehold
Guide Price upon Application







Egerton Roche





Stratford Road | SW1X

A former artist's studio, built in 1891, at the height of the Pre-Raphaelite movement, set in a tranquil private courtyard off Stratford Road, W8. The property is currently arranged as three separate apartments, planning permission has been granted to combine creating a spectacular and spacious home. Accommodation to be arranged over up to six levels served by a lift and spiral staircase, offering two roof terraces, a media room/gym in a new sub-basement, up to 5 bedrooms and an impressive galleried living space, all working around the double height windows that once lit the artist's studios.

Existing Area: 2,658 ft² / 246 m²
Approximate Proposed Area: 4,000 ft² / 371 m²

£2,500,000 Freehold







Sloane Street | SW1X

A spacious 3 bedroom 2 bathroom first floor apartment set in a popular and most prestigious period mansion block with 24-Hr porterage. The property has been refurbished throughout to a very high standard and has a striking contemporary feel, with wooden floors to the main living rooms. The feeling of space is accentuated by the two impressive reception rooms making this an ideal family flat, and the master bedroom has both bathroom and dressing room en suite. Sloane Street's incredible shopping experience starts right outside the door of this building - one can window-shop and dream at least during the short walk to Knightsbridge Tube!

£2,550,000 Leasehold, 992 years remain

1,622 ft² / 150 m²

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Addison Road, W14

A phenomenal newly refurbished five bedroom home on this prestigious road. This house has been finished to the most exacting standards and boasts gorgeous entertaining space.

- Five Double Bedrooms
- Five Bathrooms
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Westmoreland Terrace, SW1V

A newly refurbished four bedroom house boasting spacious and versatile accommodation comprising two large reception rooms, two bathrooms (one en suite) and one en-suite shower room. The property further boasts a balcony and terrace and is situated on the south side of Pimlico, within close proximity of Battersea park.

- **Sought after location**
- **Spacious accommodation**
- **Kitchen/Diner**
- **Four Bedrooms**
- **Balcony**
- **Terrace**

£1,500.00 per week
Furnished

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The Penthouse Wedderburn House Lower Sloane Street London SW1

A unique Penthouse with the most spectacular panoramic views to be found in Chelsea. The apartment is arranged over the seventh, eighth and ninth floors and has been the subject of a meticulous reconstruction, and finished to the highest specification. Unusually, the flat also benefits from a much sought after spacious lock-up garage situated to the rear of the building.

Entrance Hall: Studio Reception Room: Open Plan Living/Dining/Kitchen: Master Bedroom (en-suite): Two further Double Bedrooms: Bathroom 2: Shower Room: Guest Cloakroom: Utility Room: Terrace: Balcony: Lift: Porter: Garage.

Leasehold **£2,850,000**

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Onslow Square London SW7

A rare opportunity to acquire a third and fourth floor maisonette facing south over this lovely garden square. Situated in a white stucco fronted building the flat features four bedrooms, an attractive drawing room with dining area and three windows overlooking Onslow Square plus a good size kitchen/breakfast room.

Entrance Hall: Reception/Dining Area: Kitchen/Breakfast Room: Master Bedroom with en-suite Bathroom: Guest Bedroom with en-suite Shower Room: Two further Bedrooms Bathroom Three: Guest Cloakroom: Lift: Resident Porter: Communal Gardens.

Leasehold **£2,950,000**

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£1800 per week unfurnished

Rutland Gate, Knightsbridge SW7

A fabulous penthouse with huge terrace
Reception Room, Kitchen Breakfast Room, 3 Double Bedrooms, 3 Bathrooms, Terrace, Lift, Porter

£1300 per week unfurnished

Rutland Gate, Knightsbridge SW7

Recently refurbished 1st floor flat overlooking Garden Square.
Recep Room, Kit/Breakfast Room, 2 Bedrooms, 3rd Bedroom /Dining Room, Bath, Shw Room, Balc, Porter, Lift, CH & Hot Water inc

£1175 per week unfurnished

Ennismore Gardens, Knightsbridge SW7

Spacious 2nd floor flat with superb views over the Garden Square.
Reception Room, Two Double Bedrooms, Bathroom, Shower Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Access To The Garden Square

£945 per week furnished

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Kelso Place, Kensington W8

A recently refurbished house with garage and garden
Reception Room, Kitchen Dining Room, 4 Bedrooms,
2 Bathrooms, Cloakroom, Garage, Garden
£1650 per week unfurnished

Hyde Park Gate, Kensington SW7

A very smart 4th floor flat with parquet floor
Entrance Hall, Reception Room, Kitchen Breakfast Room,
3 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms, Lift, Porter

£1350 per week unfurnished

Brompton Square, Knightsbridge SW7

A wonderful family house in a garden square
3 Reception Rooms, Kitchen, 6 Bedrooms, 5 Bathrooms,
Garden
£2450 per week unfurnished

Sheffield Terrace, Kensington W8

A 2nd floor flat overlooking its own private gardens.
Entrance Hall, Reception Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room,
2 Bedrooms, 2 Bathrooms, Private Gardens

£700 per week unfurnished



D&G on top

Douglas & Gordon and Greene & Co were the only two estate agents in the UK to achieve star status at the 2009 Best Companies Awards sponsored by The Sunday Times. Douglas & Gordon's managing director Ivor Dickinson (pictured on the right) and head of training and recruitment Sally Ohlson collected their award from Jonathan Austin, CEO of Best Companies (pictured on the left). "I was thrilled when Douglas & Gordon were first awarded star status in 2007," says Dickinson. "It's a very difficult thing to achieve, particularly in our profession. To win again, considering these difficult times, is even more satisfying."

Douglas & Gordon, 020 7963 4600

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Lettings success

Landlords can't help but notice that whilst there are healthy numbers of tenants looking to rent – there's a correspondingly larger choice of homes for them to consider. Tenants have more choice, and rents are typically 10-40 per cent lower than 18 months ago. So what can landlords do to maintain their incomes in these more challenging times?

There's nothing guaranteed more to ruin your yield than a vacant property, so looking after your current property and tenants makes economic sense. It's human nature in times of recession to put off routine maintenance, yet this just stores up even bigger future maintenance bills and irks tenants. Leon Bell, Manager of Chard's Notting Hill & Kensington lettings office agrees. "The last thing any landlord needs in this market is a vacant property. You'll have the costs of preparing it for the next set of tenants, a possible void period, and in all likelihood a reduced rent, so looking after existing tenants should be a priority."

Chard has a dedicated in-house team, headed by Steve Hewitt that undertakes refurbishments squarely aimed at increasing a property's letting potential. "We've become noticeably busier in the last twelve months as the credit crunch took hold. Landlords want to ensure the long-term viability on their buy-to-let investments", says Hewitt, based at their Notting Hill Gate management office. "Lettings is a business. Landlords need to maximise rental income – but at the same time strictly controlling costs. That's where we come in. Whether it's a simple re-tiling job or the complete refurbishment of a family house, we're focused on increasing sustainable long-term rental value within defined, tight budgets."

The major areas of concern to tenants and cost areas, as you would expect, are on kitchens and bathrooms. Hewitt personally last year oversaw around half a million pounds worth of refurbishment work for his clients. "One of our key strategies in saving costs for clients is to focus work on a finite number of professional contractors, who depend on Chard for a significant proportion of their work. This can translate into savings of as much as 25 per cent on both labour and materials for clients".

Steve Hewitt can be contacted at steven.h@chard.co.uk or by telephone on 0845 203 2506

Bucking the trend

Mayfair's continuingly active property market has motivated London estate agent Marsh & Parsons to open a new branch on Charles Street, W1.

Marsh & Parsons managing director, Peter Rollings, said of the launch: "I'm delighted to be opening in Mayfair. Having been around for over 150 years I felt this was a real gap in our areas of operation. The property market in Mayfair is now starting to buzz again. Interest from our corporate clients has suddenly picked up and demand for high-end lets is rocketing. The sales side is rapidly improving, too – buyers recognise the once in a lifetime opportunity they have to get value for money in one of London's most desirable areas. Mayfair house prices have eased by at least 20 per cent since their peak in 2007 – combined with the weak pound, now is an unbeatable time to buy, particularly for foreign investors."

A new branch manager, Guy Major (pictured) has been appointed for his experience and knowledge of the local market having moved from another high-end Mayfair agent.

Marsh & Parsons, 020 7591 5570

Front page mews

This bijoux one-bed apartment in the cobbled Kendrick Mews, SW7 is a contemporary take on mews living. In prime South Ken territory, close to the tube, shops and museums; the first-floor one-bedder is sensibly arranged as an open plan reception room and kitchen, double bedroom and bathroom.

£475,000, leasehold
Humberts, 020 7589 2000



Cheyne reaction

Our reaction to this nine-bedroom period house on Cheyne Walk, SW3 was an open mouthed gasp; not because of the £10,000 per week price tag, but because of its staggering beauty. The 10,300sqft is a never-ending flow of gardens (front and rear), garages (two), nine bedrooms, nine bathrooms, dining room, study, breakfast room, staff accommodation and six receptions. The property reminds us of a grand doll's house with its smart, red-brick symmetry, we wouldn't mind playing house here at all.

£10,000 per week, unfurnished
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Spacious living
Chelsea

A very smart newly refurbished apartment on the raised ground floor of this stucco fronted period building situated on a very desirable garden square.

2 Bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, large reception, modern kitchen, communal gardens

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Delightfully located
Chelsea

Recently refurbished to an extremely high standard, this pretty three bedroom house is located in the heart of Belgravia, ideal for both Sloane Square, the Kings Road and Pimlico Green

3 Double bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 2 receptions, private garden

£995 per week Unfurnished 020 7590 9500



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A place to call home

This highly original Arts & Crafts style house on Glebe Place, SW3 has the character and feel of a period property but was in fact completed in 1997 by architect James Gorst. Arranged over two floors and around a large private courtyard, the double-height entrance hall with minstrels gallery and barrel-ceiling reception room give a sense of space and volume to the ground floor. Upstairs, the accommodation is flexible with five/seven bedrooms depending on how you utilise the space.
Accomodation includes: Entrance hall, drawing room, dining room, family kitchen/breakfast room, library, master bedroom suite, four further bedrooms, study/bedroom six, three further bathrooms, two cloakroom, utility room, cellar, 37'x28' courtyard garden and integral garage.
£9.85m, freehold
Strutt & Parker, 020 7225 3866

Fair and square

The four floors of this Belgravia townhouse on South Eaton Place, SW1 are perfectly arranged to accommodate the modern family. The popular lower-ground floor conversion has been done to include a real 'family hub', with kitchen/breakfast room, dining room and family room all on one level; with direct access to the garden. The ground and first floors are for more adult pleasures with a double reception room for entertaining, study and master bedroom suite.
Accommodation includes: double reception room, dining room, family room, study, kitchen/breakfast room, three bedrooms, two bathrooms, shower room, guest cloakroom, utility room, vault and garden.
£3.65m, freehold. Aylesford International, 020 7351 2383



A blank canvas

The white walls, muted furnishings and wood floors of this fifth-floor apartment on Duchess of Bedford Walk, W8 create a sleek lateral pad with generous living space and westerly garden views. Duchess of Bedford Walk is a private road, moments from Holland Park, making it the perfect green sanctuary, yet a short walk from the convenience of Notting Hill and High Street Ken.
Accommodation includes: living area, kitchen/dining room, two bedroom suites and guest cloakroom.
£1,750 per week, any furnishing
Homesite, 020 7243 3535





Ticking all the boxes

A ground floor maisonette with private entrance and private garden in the heart of South Kensington. Dream properties do exist. This three-bedroom/three-bathroom property just gets better on closer inspection, the reception room has great feature windows with French doors onto the garden and ornate cornicing, while the kitchen has an Italian custom-made design. The spa-finish in the bathroom, air conditioning, multi room A/V, under-floor heating and programmable zone lighting make this a top-notch home.
Accommodation includes, master bedroom suite, two further bedrooms, bathroom, reception room, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, cloakroom, climate-control wine cellar and garden.
£2.45m, leasehold/share of freehold
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London SW8





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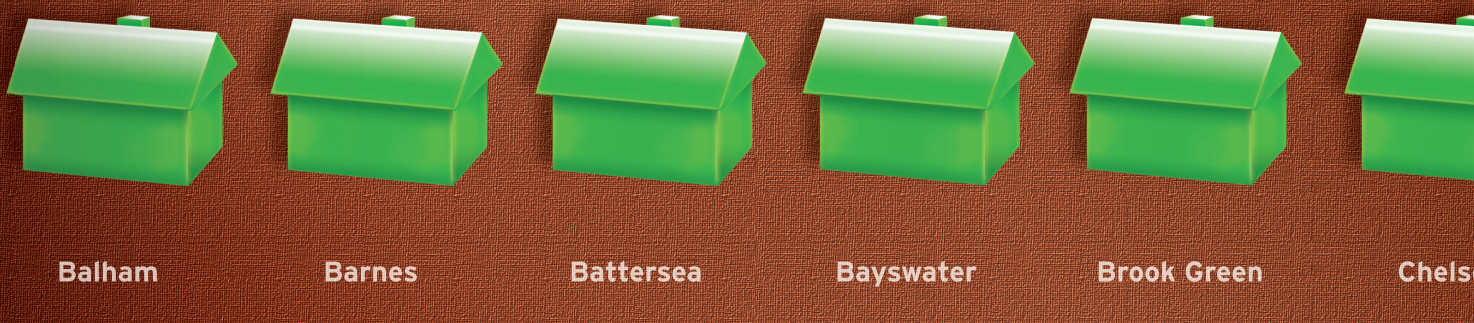
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A stunning Mayfair location

Charles Street W1 £1,595,000

A superbly refurbished, fourth floor apartment situated within a mansion block on a sought after street in Mayfair. This neutrally decorated property comprises a good size reception room with a modern open plan kitchen. The bedroom accommodation includes a spacious master bedroom with an en suite bathroom, a further good size bedroom and a second bathroom. The property further benefits from a full time porter, video entry phone, lift and secure off street parking. Charles Street is close to both the open spaces of Hyde Park and Berkley Square with the Piccadilly line at Green Park a short walk away. Share of Freehold. **Sole Agents**.

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A beautiful five bedroom house full of character

Fulham Park Road SW6 £2,000,000

A wonderful family house located on a highly desirable residential street just off Fulham Road and within easy reach of both Parsons Green and Putney Bridge tube stations. Offering superb lateral living space, the property comprises on the ground floor; a stunning double reception room, a large eat-in kitchen, dining room, office, TV room, cloakroom and access down to a utility room. On the first floor there are three double bedrooms, a family bathroom and one additional shower room whilst the top floor includes one further double bedroom and the master bedroom with en suite bathroom. The house also benefits from a superb patio garden. Freehold. **Joint Sole Agents**.

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Meticulously restored
Campden Grove W8 £3,400,000

A magnificent apartment boasting stunning lateral space, restored by interior designers to include air conditioning and under floor heating throughout. This substantial property comprises a wonderful reception and a stunning semi open plan kitchen, ideal for entertaining. The bedroom accommodation includes four good size bedrooms and three bathrooms whilst the south facing roof terrace provides extensive views. The property also features a fully integrated state of the art audio-visual system including High Definition TV, satellite, IT network, video entry phone, Banham alarm and Lutron lighting all managed by a fully automated Creation Home Network. Share of Freehold.

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A broad Victorian house with a great garden

Westbourne Grove W11 £3,500,000

This magnificent property was comprehensively reconfigured and refurbished by the current owners to provide a bright and dramatic interior. The entertaining space includes a great open plan, raised ground floor arranged to provide three distinct zones connected by the central kitchen. The first floor double reception room benefits from glorious floor to ceiling windows and views over the garden to the rear. The bedroom accommodation includes a fabulous master suite, three further bedrooms and a top floor "nanny flat" with a terrace. The lower ground floor operates as an independent two bedroom apartment. Situated in the heart of Notting Hill close to Ledbury Road. Off-street parking and a large family friendly garden. Freehold. **Sole Agents**.

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Imperial Wharf SW6

£340 per week

A stunning apartment located in a popular new development just east of Wandsworth Bridge Road on the river. The property has been finished to a high standard throughout and comprises two good size bedrooms, modern bathroom, a modern fitted kitchen, a spacious reception room leading to a balcony with views of the river and a dining room. Furnished.

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Vincent Street SW1

£375 per week

A fantastically presented apartment located in the heart of Westminster within a secure and well maintained red brick mansion block. The property offers excellent living space and provides two bedrooms with fitted storage, neutrally decorated bathroom, a reception room with wooden floors and a modern kitchen. Furnished.

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Winchester Street SW1

£395 per week

A stunning property set in the heart of the Pimlico Grid ideally located a short walk from the amenities of Sloane Square and Victoria station. The recently refurbished apartment comprises a spacious master bedroom with excellent fitted storage, further double bedroom, modern bathroom, a bright and airy reception room and a well presented kitchen. Furnished.

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Hans Place SW1

£850 per week

A superb apartment situated on the second floor (with lift) of a handsome, red brick building on Hans Place. The refurbished property includes a master bedroom with an en suite bathroom and walk in wardrobe, a further bedroom, second bathroom, a modern kitchen with granite worktops and a large reception room with great views. Furnished.

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Pottery Lane W11

£895 per week

A wonderful double mews house located in a historic mews close to Holland Park moments from the amenities on Holland Park Avenue and Clarendon Cross featuring the famous 'Julies' restaurant. The property provides three bedrooms, two bathrooms, a bright reception room ideal for entertaining and a large eat in kitchen. Furnished.

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Holland Park W11

£1,195 per week

A spacious, contemporary apartment situated within a beautiful Holland Park villa just moments from the entrance to the park itself. The stylish property provides three double bedrooms, two bathrooms (one en suite), a large reception room with wooden floors, a fully fitted kitchen and two private terraces. Furnished.

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Kensington Church Street W8

£1,300 per week

A beautiful second floor apartment situated within a mansion block superbly located on Kensington Church Street. This stylish property enjoys an abundance of light and comprises three double bedrooms, three bathrooms, a neutrally decorated reception/dining room ideal for entertaining, kitchen and good storage throughout. Un/Furnished.

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Prince Consort Road SW7

£2,750 per week

A charming apartment situated in an excellent, well maintained building located besides the Royal Albert Hall and moments from the open spaces of Hyde Park. This stylish apartment boasts excellent entertaining space and includes three large bedrooms, three bathrooms, a spacious reception room with wooden floors, kitchen and a hallway with marble floors. Furnished.

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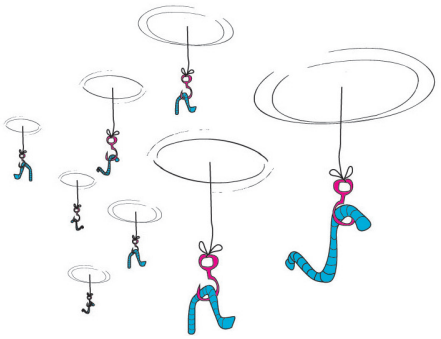


£825,000 Leasehold
Caxton Street SW1

A newly refurbished two double bedroom split level flat set over the ground and lower ground floors of this historic building. The living accommodation consists of a dining room, reception room and two double bedrooms.

2 bedrooms, En-suite bathroom, Separate shower room, Dining room, Kitchen, Reception room, Utility room, Patio.

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£1,500,000 Leasehold with 41 years unexpired
Onslow Square SW7

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£1,100,000 Leasehold
Nevern Square SW5

A bright and exceptionally well presented maisonette benefiting from fantastic entertaining space and generously proportioned rooms.

2 bedrooms, 2 en-suite bathrooms, Reception room, Kitchen/dining room, Guest cloakroom, Roof terrace, Access to communal gardens.

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£750,000 Share of Freehold
Clanricarde Gardens W2

A bright and well presented maisonette situated in a well run period building.

2 double bedrooms, 2 bathrooms (1 en-suite), Reception room, Kitchen, Dining room, Entrance hall, Access to flat roof (not demised).

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£725,000 Share of Freehold
Southwell Gardens SW7

A bright, spacious, newly-refurbished and carpeted two-bedroomed flat in a period building which benefits from being close to the Tube and Waitrose.

2 double bedrooms, Reception room, Fully fitted kitchen, Bathroom, Entrance hall.

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